

Na superpowers discuss radar

GENEVA (R) — U.S. and Soviet arms experts Monday discussed a disputed radar complex in Siberia which is hampering progress in talks on reducing strategic nuclear weapons, a U.S. official said. William Burns, director of the arms control and disarmament agency, headed a U.S. delegation of technical experts while Viktor Karpov, a senior Soviet arms control official, led the Soviet team in the closed-door meeting. The radar installation at Krasnoyarsk has been at the centre of a nearly two-year-old dispute between the superpowers, slowing efforts to halve their long-range nuclear arsenals. President Reagan, in a speech in Los Angeles last Friday, repeated the U.S. position that the complex violated the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty. The 1972 pact bars the two sides from deploying nationwide defences against strategic missiles or building bases for setting up such systems. He called for the Krasnoyarsk complex to be dismantled and for the transmitter and receiving buildings to be destroyed before any new arms control accords would be concluded.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Klibi seeks Djibouti support over Lebanon

DJIBOUTI (R) — Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klibi asked Djibouti President Hassan Gouled Monday to back calls for urgent Arab efforts to end the crisis in Lebanon. Klibi, on a tour of Arab states to canvas support for such efforts, arrived in Djibouti Sunday night and flew on to Sudan after his talks with Gouled.

Oman, South Yemen sign pact

BAHRAIN (R) — Leaders of Oman and South Yemen signed a cooperation accord Monday aimed at ending 20 years of border hostilities, the Oman News Agency reported. Oman's Sultan Qaboos bin Said and President Haider Abu Baker Al Atlas of South Yemen signed the wide-ranging accord in the Omani border town of Shaharah, said the agency.

Laurence Olivier hospitalised

BRIGHTON (AP) — Laurence Olivier, celebrated as Britain's greatest actor, has been admitted to a hospital with an undisclosed illness, the hospital said Monday. The 81-year-old stage and screen actor was in "comfortable and stable" condition at Royal Sussex County Hospital in the south England resort of Brighton, a spokeswoman said. She said Olivier's family had asked the hospital not to reveal any details of his illness.

Thousands mourn Sri Lankan student

COLOMBO (R) — Thousands of people attended the funeral Monday of a Sri Lankan student activist whose torture-killing has become a focus of anti-government protest. Shops and offices in Colombo closed early as the funeral procession left Colombo medical college, where 24-year-old Pathumani Thirumawithana had been a second-year student. Thousands of people filed past the coffin containing Thirumawithana's remains. All that was visible of the corpse was a hideously disfigured face. Student leaders said post mortems on Thirumawithana and two other victims had revealed they were tortured before death. Fingernails had been torn out, bones broken and their bodies lacerated. They were also shot.

Indian troops kill top Tamil rebel

COLOMBO (R) — Indian troops shot dead a top Tamil guerrilla during searches for rebels in eastern Sri Lanka Monday, residents said. They said "Francis," political leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in Batticaloa, was killed when soldiers stormed his home at Kallar.

Quake injures at least 10 in Algiers

ALGIERS (AP) — An offshore earthquake rattled Algiers and surrounding towns Monday morning, wrecking a school and injuring at least 10 children, officials said. Preliminary information indicated the quake, which struck at 11:14 a.m. (1014 GMT), measured 5.4 on the Richter scale, Algeria's Centre for Research in Astronomy, astrophysics and geophysics said in a statement. The epicentre was put about 50 kilometres north of the capital in the Mediterranean Sea. The earthquake lasted about 10 seconds.

Austrian president arrives in Kuwait

KUWAIT (AP) — Austrian President Kurt Waldheim arrived to a red carpet welcome Monday on a three-day state visit, the first to the country by an Austrian head of state. Waldheim was scheduled for talks with the emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, who welcomed him at the airport with a 21-gun salute.

Syrian, Lebanese policeman wounded

BEIRUT (AP) — Unidentified gunmen fired at a checkpoint manned by both Lebanese policemen and Syrian troops Monday. Police said one Syrian soldier and a Lebanese policeman were wounded. They said the incident occurred in the morning near the Hussein bin Ali Vocational Centre in south Beirut's Bir Al Abed district, which is controlled by the pro-Iranian Hizbollah.

Papandreou's friend get divorce

ATHENS (AP) — Dimitra Liani, the girlfriend of Premier Andreas Papandreou, and her architect husband have divorced by mutual consent, a court official said Monday. The official said the divorce "would become final within one week — when the papers are processed." Liani, a 34-year-old Olympic Airways stewardess, married Alex Kaponoulos, 48, a former prominent member of the Revolutionary Greek Communist Party, in a civil ceremony in 1982. The couple have no children.

Indian navy to resume Gulf trips

BAHRAIN (AP) — Indian navy warships will resume sailing in the Gulf after a five-year hiatus and will make port calls starting early November, Gulf-based diplomatic sources reported Monday. The diplomats confirmed a report that appeared earlier in the Dubai-based Gulf News that the INS Kanavir and INS Shakti will be the first Indian ships to enter the Gulf after the interruption caused by the Iran-Iraq war. Indian ships suspended voyages through the waterway during the so-called tanker war, when Iran attacked neutral shipping in revenge for Iraqi attacks ships ferrying Iranian oil.

140 Pakistani fishermen held in Iranian waters

NICOSIA (R) — Iranian authorities have arrested 140 Pakistanis for fishing illegally for shrimp in Iranian waters in the Sea of Oman, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported Monday. The agency said 10 boats were seized from the fishermen who were detained at Kohaki port in southeast Iran last week.

Britain stops Gulf escorts

LONDON (R) — Britain's royal navy Monday ended its escort of British merchant ships through the Gulf. But a Defence Ministry spokesman said the three frigates would remain in the Gulf to help ships if needed.

Pinochet sees new assassination bid

SANTIAGO (R) — Military ruler Augusto Pinochet has accused his opponents of seeking his assassination following his defeat in a presidential plebiscite. "I know they have me in their sights to send me to the other side," he was quoted as saying during a tour of northern Chile by the conservative daily El Mercurio Monday.

Soviets, Chinese reach border accord

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet and Chinese negotiators reached agreement settling most of their differences over the eastern sector of their boundary in talks that concluded in Moscow Monday, a Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman said. Spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze met with the chief Chinese negotiator, Deputy Foreign Minister Tian Zeng Pei as the talks concluded. The border talks, in their third round, began on Oct. 20. Gerasimov said the two sides would continue negotiations

Arabs serious for achieving peace, King tells Schaefer

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday held talks with visiting West German Minister of State at the Foreign Office Helmut Schaefer on the situation in the region and the latest developments. Schaefer conveyed to the King greetings of the West German president and government and Bonn's appreciation of His Majesty's efforts for peace and stability in the region, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said. The King explained to Schaefer the importance of Arab meetings and consultations aimed at arriving at a just and durable peace in the Middle East. Recent inter-Arab contacts indicate the seriousness of this position, which supports the call for an international peace conference on the Middle East attended by the five permanent members of the U.N. Security



Council and all parties involved in the conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the King said. The meeting (photo above) was attended by Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem and Foreign Minister Taher Al

Masri. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan also received the West German official Monday and discussed spheres of cooperation and means to bolster bilateral relations (see related story on page 3)

Top-level meeting reviews regional development plans

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Monday chaired a ministerial meeting which reviewed recommendations issued by special committees formed by a recent conference on development in the Zarqa-Amman-Balqa region. The meeting, held at the Prime Ministry, was attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, the ministers of education, agriculture, labour, finance, energy and mineral resources, information, water and irrigation, health, planning, interior, public works, housing, youth, tourism, industry and trade, social development, and supply in addition to the minister of state for cabinet affairs and the secretary general of the planning ministry.

The meeting discussed the recommendations of the industry and agriculture sector committees which were adopted during the

meetings of Zarqa-Amman-Balqa Development Council Seminar held Sept. 27-28.

The measures which the ministries and the concerned sides adopted with regard to these recommendations were also discussed.

It was decided that these recommendations be reviewed and to have the ones agreed-upon implemented immediately.

Officials will be briefed on actions taken with regard to the recommendations.

During the meeting, the Crown Prince stressed the importance of the concept of comprehensive implementation of development plans and the importance of the productive sector in development projects in addition to the citizens' role and comprehension of Jordan's huge achievements in various sectors.

King, Benjedid exchange views

AMMAN (J.T.) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid contacted His Majesty King Hussein on the phone Monday and reassured him of the situation in Algeria, which was hit by riots earlier this month, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported.

The King and Benjedid exchanged views on the latest developments in the Arab and international scenes.

The King wished Benjedid success in every serious effort he undertakes for the prosperity and good of the Algerian people, Petra said.

Israel seals off occupied territories

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — The Israeli army sealed off the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip from Monday night until Wednesday, barring Palestinians from travelling and journalists from entering the territories without an army escort.

Underground leaders of the 11-month-old Palestinian uprising have called for a two-day strike to mark Israel's general elections Tuesday and Wednesday's 71st anniversary of the Balfour Declaration.

Meanwhile Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin demanded the death penalty Monday for

Palestinians who killed four people in a petrol bomb attack that could swing the Israeli election to the right.

The move appeared to be a last-ditch effort by Rabin's Labour Party to prevent the attack from driving floating voters into the arms of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud party in Tuesday's election.

Army radio said Rabin ordered the army's judge advocate-general to examine whether the attackers, who hurled five petrol bombs at an Israeli bus in the occupied West Bank town of Jericho Sunday night, could be sentenced to

death.

The army said it had captured a three-member gang from Jericho that allegedly carried out the attack, blown up their homes and confined the town's 13,000 residents indoors.

In Cairo, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) denounced the attack.

"We condemn the killings of unarmed Palestinians and also denounce the killings of Israeli civilians... whoever the perpetrators, such acts underline the dire need for peace," said a PLO spokesman.

A mother and her three children were killed in the attack.

Iran, Iraq far apart as talks resume

GENEVA (R) — Iran and Iraq launched a new session of Gulf peace talks Monday, their positions little advanced since the first round began two months ago.

United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said he was anxious for progress because of the fragility of the Aug. 20 ceasefire.

"In certain parts of the front the two armies are only separated by 20 metres... with two military forces facing each other, anything could erupt at any moment," Perez de Cuellar told the French daily Le Figaro in an interview.

Asked on arrival at the European headquarters of the United Nations how the negotiations could be unblocked, he told reporters: "If you give me a tip, I'll be grateful."

U.N. spokeswoman Therese Gastaut said Perez de Cuellar had scheduled separate meetings late Monday with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and direct talks between the two sides Tuesday.

The opponents met face-to-face only a few times during nearly three weeks of what were billed as direct talks beginning Aug. 25, and met only once Oct. 1 in subsequent negotiations in New York.

Those talks failed to produce agreement on the most contentious question, that of the Shatt Al Arab waterway which flows between the two countries before emptying into the Gulf.

Baghdad insists that Iran must agree to a dredging of the Shatt, Iraq's main outlet to the Gulf, before the talks can move on to other points. The waterway is clogged with sunken ships and silt after years of fighting.

Velayati said before leaving for Geneva that Iran would not budge on the 1975 Algiers treaty, a document which set their border down the middle of the Shatt

but which is now repudiated by Iraq.

"Under all conditions Iran will hold on to this accord. The document is still valid and irrevocable," the Iranian national news agency IRNA quoted him as saying.

Aziz blamed Iran for the deadlock.

"My personal feeling from reading the statements of the Iranian officials is that they don't seem yet to have realised the necessities of peace," he told reporters on arriving in Geneva Sunday night.

"They still speak an arrogant language, they twist the facts."

"Peace means commitment and the Iranian leadership is not in a state able to announce and accept commitments... Iraq knows this and has therefore prepared itself for long negotiations," Aziz told the Kuwaiti

daily Al Qabas in a separate statement.

"Iraq understands the situation in Iran now and the leadership there is in a state of complete collapse and it is difficult to expect from it any immediate results from the talks."

Perez de Cuellar said the two sides were still stuck on the first part of paragraph one of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598, the basis for the talks.

This stipulates a ceasefire, and failure to agree on its implications has prevented progress on achieving a withdrawal of troops to international boundaries and the exchange of an estimated 100,000 prisoners-of-war.

Iran has stated it will agree to a joint clearing of the Shatt as part of a compromise it says was advanced by Perez de Cuellar, but it insists that this must be accomplished under the provisions of the Algiers treaty.

Cornelio Sommaruga, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, said his organisation was gearing up for the massive task of drawing up lists of all prisoners-of-war.

Carlucci in Cairo

CAIRO (Agencies) — U.S. Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci arrived Monday for a two-day official visit in Egypt, the second leg of a Middle East tour which began in Jordan Friday.

Carlucci meets separately Tuesday with President Hosni Mubarak and Defence Minister Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala, focusing on bilateral military cooperation and Middle East

problems.

In Jordan, Carlucci was received by His Majesty King Hussein and held talks with senior officials and toured military positions.

The U.S. secretary was seen off from Amman by Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Roscoe Suddarth and senior military officers.

Hostage appeals to U.S. government

BEIRUT (Agencies) — U.S. hostage Terry Anderson, the longest-held Westerner in Lebanon, pleaded Monday with his government to negotiate the release of American captives.

"Once again this has gone on too long and cannot continue like this," said Anderson, 41, who has been held by the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad (holy war) group since March 16, 1985.

He made the appeal in a video cassette sent by his captors to an international news agency in west Beirut nine days before the U.S. presidential elections.

"I gather there has been very little discussion about this problem in the presidential campaign and that's disappointing," Anderson said.

"All that is necessary is that Mr. Reagan and Mr. (Vice-President George) Bush, if he is elected, use their influence in a positive way, not a negative way, with those who are trying to find a way out of this terrible impasse."

"But whichever candidate wins the election, remember an unyielding refusal to deal with the matter is not going to make it go away... it is not going to free us," Anderson said. He had been very close to freedom several

times in the past three years but it seemed that the U.S. government had blocked his release each time.

"I am not asking Reagan to deal with terrorists, although Mr. Bush did so in the Iran-contra affair and TWA hijacking," he said.

Hijackers of a TWA plane to Beirut in 1985 secured the release of 76 Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails in exchange for some 40 American passengers.

Anderson was the Middle East bureau chief of the Associated Press based in Beirut. Islamic Jihad also holds American Thomas Sutherland, dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut.

Anderson said: "I heard on the radio of the generous and ambitious effort to free three trapped whales a few days ago and the president's thanks to the Soviet Union for his help."

"It's a warning story. That kind of cooperation and spirit is absolutely necessary to bring this (hostage) situation to an end."

"Once again, this has gone on too long. It can't continue like this."

Moscow rejects Western version of political detainees

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet Justice Minister Boris Kravtsov said Sunday there were just 11 people in prison or exile in the Soviet Union on charges of anti-Soviet agitation, defaming the state or for their religious activities.

Kravtsov, in a television linkup between the Soviet and Danish parliaments, rejected a suggestion by a questioner, quoting human-rights group Amnesty International, that there are around 300 Soviet prisoners of conscience.

He also reaffirmed pledges that laws seen in the West as ones most frequently used against dissidents would be significantly altered as part of a planned reform of the Soviet criminal code.

"There are two people in places of confinement and five people in exile who were convicted in accordance with article 70 (on)... anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda," he said.

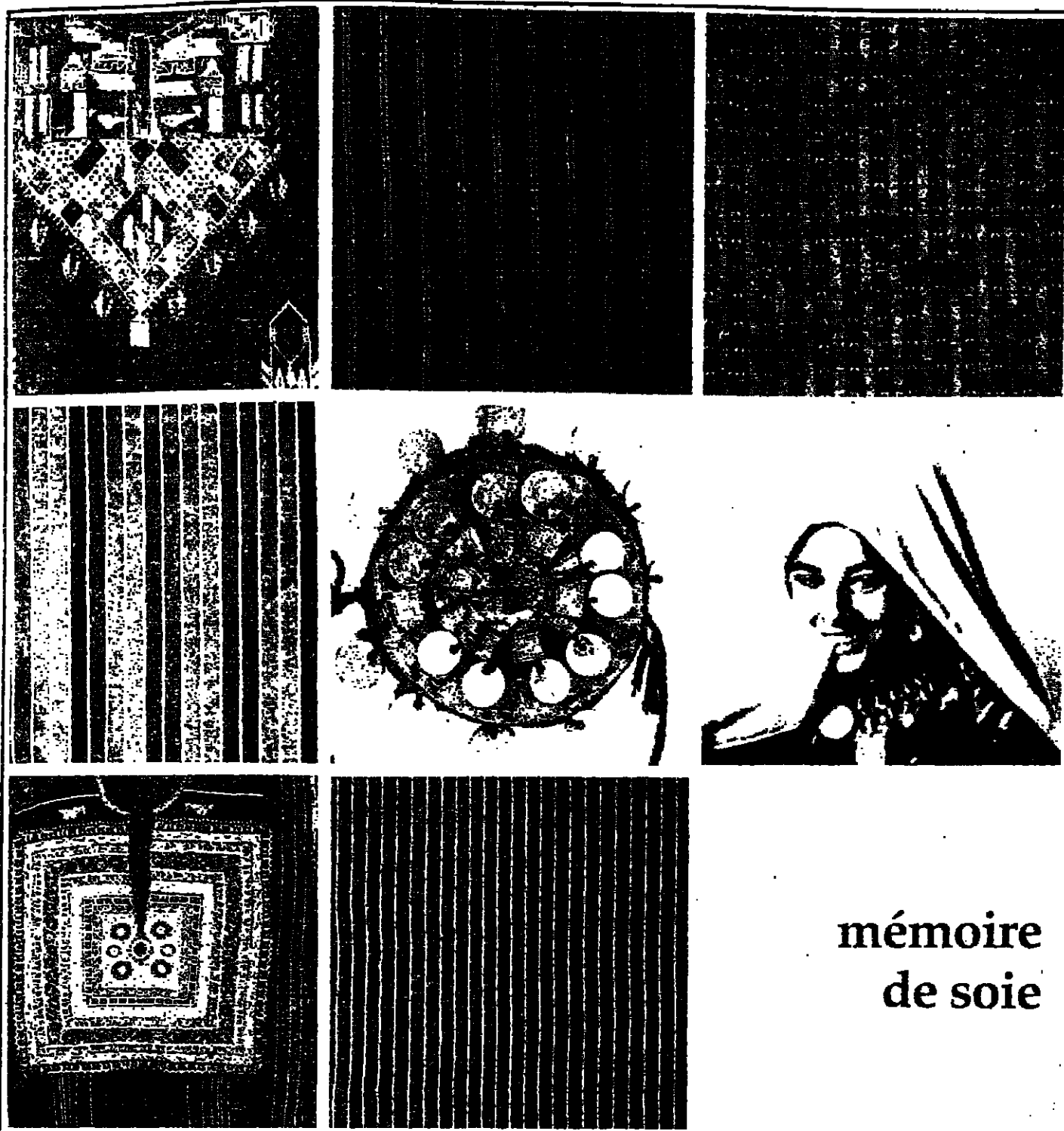
"There are two people in places of confinement convicted in accordance with article 190/1 — this is the dissemination of knowingly false fabrication discrediting the Soviet state and social system."

A further two people were in prison under article 227, which covers religious freedom, Kravtsov said.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said on a visit here last week that the Soviet Union has agreed to release all its political prisoners by the end of the year. The announcement has sparked a renewed debate over their fate.

Kravtsov's estimate is in line with those made recently by a Soviet Foreign Ministry official who said there were around a dozen people convicted under articles 70 and 190/1.

Western human rights groups have welcomed Kohl's announcement but also warned of problems of definition.



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Village women's costumes exhibited in Paris

'Memories of silk' highlights Jordanian, Palestinian folklore

By Najwa Najjar
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AMMAN — Arab village women have been unveiled in Paris for at least four months during the second exhibition of Jordanian and Palestinian folklore held at l'Institut du Monde Arabe.

The exhibition entitled "Memories of Silk," was opened by Widad Qawar on Oct. 17. Qawar recently returned from Paris where 200 pieces from her traditional costume collection, and 200 pieces of her accessory and jewellery collection are on display until Feb. 19, 1990.

This year's exhibition concentrates on Qawar's costumes and jewellery, and on ethnography pieces from the museum at Yarmouk University. The exhibition has been divided into two sections. The first arranged the costumes and jewellery to depict different aspects of life in the region, and the second exposed the ethnological items to the public in France. "Both sections were aimed at acquainting the West with the Arab culture especially that of the Jordanian and Palestinian," said Qawar.

The traditional dresses chosen represent every Palestinian and

Jordanian village and cover a period span of 100 years from 1880 to 1980. Qawar spent some 30 years building and documenting her collection. "Initially, this started as a hobby, then it developed into an obsession because it became a matter of national identity for village culture, heritage and women."

She has concentrated on the Palestinian culture because, "it has been uprooted, dispersed from the village to the refugee camps and threatened further under Israeli occupation."

Conducting several interviews with Arab women, Qawar found

the woman to be an institution by herself. Despite the many responsibilities she must fulfil and the harsh conditions she lives under occupation, "the woman continued to embroider and the embroidered costume has become the woman's passport. It is her national flag and her identity."

Qawar hopes that the exhibits held "will give a special tribute to the women who produced this culture and whose courage, determination and struggle never seems to have left them under all circumstances and that foreigners

will begin to appreciate the area in its human and cultural dimensions and heritage, rather than its superpower conflicts, tensions and politics."

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Whether Qawar will succeed in correcting the distorted view of Arab village woman and in showing "the real strength of this woman" is difficult to tell at such an early stage of the exhibition. Qawar believes, however, that the displays have had an effect, "people ask questions about village life and the role that the Arab woman plays and we are able to convey who the real Arab village woman is."

Qawar noted the interest of the French people in the Arabic culture, "I was envious of the great response to the exhibit. Not only do adults come, but they bring their children. They make it a point to take the catalogue and give each display time."

The catalogues used during the Paris exhibition were translations of those used in Cologne. The first was a small booklet containing several articles written by both Jordanian and foreign experts on the history, village life and houses, and commerce in the area.

While the second contained a long article with coloured photographs on Jordanian and Palestinian folk art, written by Qawar, followed by pictures and information on each item on exhibit, and a bibliography of folklore books available in the region.

Although Qawar was the only individual from Jordan promoting these concepts, she was helped extensively by the director of the institute, Jean Hannoyer. In addition a committee, made up of Arab women volunteers, was formed prior to Qawar's departure to help Hannoyer in publicising the event and guiding the guests of the exhibition. The institute, which concentrates primarily on the Middle East, is supported by the French government and some Arab states.

"It was a shame that the Ministry of Information and Tourism did not participate this year in the exhibition since the effort and expenses were enormous, and since it would have been an excellent opportunity for them to promote Jordan in all its aspects," said Qawar, adding that it was still not too late.

Plans are presently being finalised between the Jordanian and Japanese government to display Qawar's collection, archaeological items excavated in Jordan and mosaics in Japan next October.

Abila dig shows evidence of earlier habitation than previously revealed

AMMAN (J.T.) — The 1988 excavation season at the Abila of the Decapolis/Quailbah in northern Jordan, 15 kilometres north-northeast of Irbid, was conducted from June 18 to Aug. 6, under the direction of Dr. W. Harold Mare and Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, as principal investigators with the permission and the very valuable assistance of Dr. Adnan Hadidi, director general of the Department of Antiquities.

The excavation staff of 23 Americans from the United States, 1 person from the Netherlands, and 1 person from Brazil (representing several colleges and universities) and the Department of Antiquities representative from Irbid, Mr. Sultan Shureidah, with the aid of 30 to 35 local workmen, concentrated their work in four areas: (1) On the scropolis of Tell Abila, continuing to excavate in the area of the sixth century A.D. basilica and at the large city wall on the north edge of the tell; (2) On the

south tell, Umm Al Amad, with concentration on further excavation in the seventh century A.D. Christian basilica; (3) In the theatre cave area on the northeast slope of Umm Al Amad, and (4) In the cemetery area where further excavation was conducted in the Roman-Byzantine and in earlier period tombs along the wadi ledges east of the site of Abila.

At the basilica area on Tell Abila, further evidence was uncovered pointing to the fact that in the construction of the sixth century basilica part of an earlier structure (possibly a Roman/Byzantine temple) had been used and it was increasingly obvious that the Ummayyads had in turn used part of the church to construct additional rooms and structures. Just to the northeast of the church, further investigation there revealed more evidence of an earlier habitation in the Roman, Hellenistic, Iron Age, and Bronze Age periods.

Further excavation in the

church on Umm Al Amad revealed the remaining column drums and capitals on the north and south stylobates on either side of the nave and a row of four massive columns and capitals outside of the west entrance of the church were delineated.

At the end of the 1988 excavation season the remaining columns and capitals in the western half of the basilica and in the entrance were restored to their original positions.

Further excavation at the theatre cave revealed that in the orchestra area to the south of the basilica street a later Umayyad palace had been built which had also been used by the Abbasids, and then by the Ayyubids and the Mamluks.

Along the wadi to the east in Area H, there was further excavation of Roman-Byzantine tombs. In one case, a Hellenistic grave was excavated and in another case a disturbed Iron Age, late Bronze, Middle Bronze tomb was also excavated.

Renowned W. German Jazz players to give concert in Amman on Nov. 5

AMMAN (J.T.) — Gebhard Ullmann and Andreas Willers — two renowned jazz players from West Germany — will present a concert in Amman Nov. 5. Judging from reviews of their performance in West Germany, jazz lovers could really have an entertaining time with the concert.

The proceeds of the concert, to be held at Amra Hotel, will benefit the SOS Children Village in Amman and is organised by the Goethe Institute.

Following is a profile of Ullmann and Willers:

Ullmann plays soprano and tenor saxophones; his manner is predominantly lyrical and ceremonial, analogue to the basic temperament of this duo. In a solo-piece he becomes somewhat more expressive and, in terms of saxophone style, remarkably uncluttered by any outside influence.

To Willers' side is a concert guitar resting in a stand, scattered around his feet is the usual array of pedals needed to manipulate the sound of the electric guitar and, at half-height, is a box full of other effects — all essential equipment for Willers' search for a three-dimensional sound drenched in echo. At times he strikes totally open chords, but then slowly phases them in and out using his volume pedal. In other moments he'll thumb a deep E-string to underlay the chords he is picking in a higher octave. There is a suggestion of "minimal music" when he sets up those overlapping melodic cycles with the aid of an echo box which repeats a phrase in incessant loops, interwoven with figures he plays with his hands.

"I have a clearly legatissimo-oriented guitar style," Willers explains, "which encompasses earthy blues riffs and sounds strongly influenced by the tradition of jazz lines."

The Andreas Willers speaking here is, at least in musical terms, very different from that "tender youth," as a journalist described him in 1981, "who shocked the audience with his purely electronic sounds."

It seems even more bizarre to discover that the avant-garde guitarist, Andreas Willers, who made a record under one of the major labels of the European free jazz scene, was also at the same time a member of a blues band.

By now, of course, these extreme polarities converge in the Ullmann-Willers duo, and are merely two components within a far wider-reaching orientation and attitude to music. This band is not the only articulation of their common musical aspirations:

Other bands which Ullmann and Willers belong to include "Out To Lunch," a jazz quartet named after a record made by Eric Dolphy (who died in Berlin) and "Minimal Kids," an ensemble which plays more along the lines of the electronic and fusion music of the eighties.

But they don't by any means regard this duo as an extract distilled from their various other projects and presented as chamber music. The duo has its own repertoire and has been going on longer than both "Minimal Kids" and "Out to Lunch."

In fact, after having met in 1982 during an intensive jazz course at the Hamburg High School for Music, they took the duo with them to their new, self-appointed home in West Berlin.

Ullmann and Willers are undoubtedly jazz musicians (one of them learnt to play alongside such saxophonists as Herb Geller and Dave Liebman. Whilst the other, studied at the Los Angeles Guitar Institute of Technology), yet at the same time they also represent an entirely new species. They are the kind of jazz musician cropping up in increasing numbers in Europe and America, who no longer remain rigidly centred on one single style as were their mentors.

"I grew up with the Beatles and Jimi Hendrix. I listened to Penderick and there was always classical music being played at home — what's the use in pretending otherwise? I live in Europe and listen to jazz — it all somehow just flows together. There is good and bad music. Whenever I hear good music, I try to listen and understand what they are up to. And if it happens to fit in with my own music, then I'll try to incorporate it as well," says Ullmann.

"Above all we belong to the generation which has consistently worked at acquiring a knowledge of what is new. Not like the people we then learnt from, in the sixties, who, if you mentioned 'mixolydian' or 'dorian mode', just shook their heads. They didn't know what it was about and said 'in the past everything was so much better, we just played by ear.' We've had to learn everything from scratch, from big band arrangements to the sampling machine. I am not afraid of what I don't know," says Willers.

And finally they tell us something which so concisely expresses the boundless search for a subject that inspires so many young jazz musicians today: "We are eccentrics."

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MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science
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ages, plus a small planetarium at the
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p.m. Closed on Friday.
Folklore Museum Jewellery and costumes
over 100 years old. Also mosaics
from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th

centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 631760.
Jordan Archaeological Museum Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabel Al Qal'a (Cinderella Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.
Jordan National Gallery Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Mutazzah, Jabel Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.
Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 662430.

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m.
Lions Philadelpha Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Hotel, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelpha Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2:00 p.m.
Royal Automobile Club. Jabel Amman, Eighth Circle. Tel. 815261.

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CHURCHES

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Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabel Luweibdeh, Tel. 637440.

De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabel Hussein, Tel. 661757, Sunday English mass (summer time 6 p.m., winter time 5 p.m.).
Terrasana Church (Roman Catholic). Jabel Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel. 622366.
Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abadi, Tel. 625441.
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabel Amman, Tel. 625383.
Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 771331.
Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 772561.
St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, Tel. 771751.
Amman International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shamsiyya, Tel. 685326.
Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabic Service: Sunday 9 p.m. Rev. N. Smir 811295.
Rainbow Congregation, (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church) Inter-denominational-congregational English Service: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Tel. 822605. Rev. Veli.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Tel. 815817, 821264.

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NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

KING CONGRATULATES ALGERIA: His Majesty King Hussein Monday sent a cable of good wishes to Algeria's President Chadli Benjedid on his country's National Day. In the cable, the King wished the president continued health and happiness, and more progress and prosperity for the Algerian people (Petra).

FRENCH TECHNICIANS: The director of Technical and Scientific Cooperation at the French Foreign Ministry's Middle East desk Monday called at the Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre which was originally set up with French assistance to help draw maps and employ remote sensing techniques in various operations (Petra).

JAPANESE BOOKS: The University of Jordan's library Monday received a collection of books and references as a gift from the Japanese government, dealing with economy, science and other fields (Petra).

ZARQA CELEBRATIONS: Zarqa Governorate will hold celebrations on Nov. 21 to mark His Majesty King Hussein's birthday which falls on Nov. 14, according to an official statement Monday (Petra).

FAO OFFICIAL: A team from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Monday visited the University of Jordan, met with the dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and reviewed with him the faculty's research work and programmes implemented with FAO assistance (Petra).

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE: A training course in primary health care services opened at Ma'an in southern Jordan Monday with the participation of sixteen nurses from health centres in Ma'an Governorate (Petra).

BRIDGES TO CLOSE: Public Security Department sources Monday reported that the bridges would be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday Nov. 1 and 2 (Petra).

MA'AN PROJECTS: Ma'an government public services projects carried out during 1988 have cost nearly JD 66,000, according to Ma'an municipality officials Sunday. They said that funds were spent on lighting streets, building a children park and appropriation of lands for public utility (Petra).

EXTRA CARE ON ROADS: The Public Security Department Sunday called on all drivers to exercise extreme care and caution while driving their vehicles, in order to avoid accidents that may take place as a result of the current weather conditions, and also to check their vehicles, particularly brakes and tyres (Petra).

AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT: A week-long training course on evaluating agricultural projects in Jordan ended in Amman Sunday. A total of 16 participants from the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC), the University of Jordan and the Jordan Valley Farmers' Association took part in the meeting which laid particular emphasis on means of developing small farms in the Jordan Valley

China to build school for children in Baqaa camp

AMMAN (J.T.) — Some 50 Chinese engineers and technicians were introduced today to the refugee community of Baqaa camp where the People's Republic of China will build a school for refugee children.

A get-together was held this morning near the school site in the camp and was attended by Mr. Zhang Hui Tao, Economic Counsellor at the Chinese Embassy in Amman, Mr. Ele Saaf, Director of UNRWA Affairs in Jordan as well as by senior government and UNRWA officials.

An agreement for the construction of school was signed earlier in July by UNRWA and Mr. Zhang Zhen, the Chinese Ambassador to Jordan. In school, which will replace a

dilapidated prefab building, will cost approximately \$800,000 including equipment and furniture and will consist of 22 classrooms, 3 administrative offices, one library, one laboratory and one multi-purpose room.

The construction work, which will be carried out soon under the supervision of Chinese technicians, is expected to take about 18 months.

The school, when completed, will cater for some 2,100 refugee boys from Baqaa camp which accommodates some 70,000 Palestinian refugees and displaced persons.

UNRWA's 195 schools in Jordan provide general education for 135,000 refugee children taught by an education staff of 3,500.

Iraqi educators visit schools in Madaba

MADABA (Petra) — A visiting Iraqi educational delegation Monday called at Madaba, south of Amman, and toured schools and vocational centres and met with education officials.

The head of the delegation spoke about his country's endeavours to promote the education process in Iraq despite the war with Iran which lasted eight years.

The delegation's tour included schools, laboratories, workshop and archaeological and tourist sites in the Madaba district.

The delegation's leader Mohammad Raja was quoted as saying that the tour was designed to give the delegation an idea on the educational development in Jordan and to exchange views and expertise with Jordan's officials and educationalists.

Hamdan demands new environment strategy

IRBID (Petra) — A workshop opened at Yarmouk University Monday to discuss the inclusion of environmental courses in the school curricula, with the participation of heads of education supervisors in various governorates.

University president Mohammad Hamdan made a speech at the opening session, demanding an extension of the existing laws

and regulations and the introduction of new plans and strategies and the implementation of education programmes associated with the environment and means of protecting it from pollution.

Hamdan said that the government's concern in this respect is reflected in a recent formation of a higher committee entrusted with drawing up policies on Jordan's environment.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

ART EXHIBITIONS

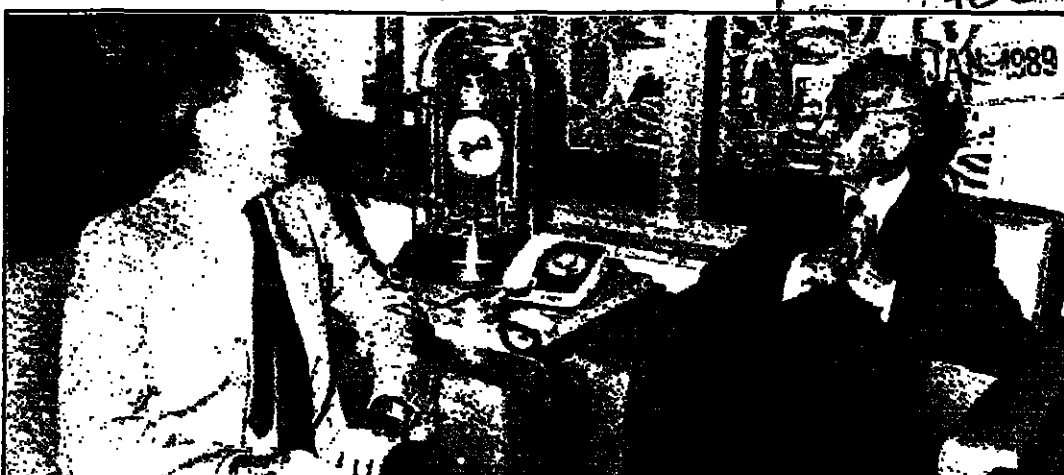
- ★ A paintings exhibition by Sudanese artist Mohammad Khalil, at Al Wasiti Gallery, Plaza Hotel.
- ★ An art exhibition by Ahmed Na'wash at the French Cultural Centre.
- ★ A plastic art exhibition by Iyad Al Masri at the Housing Bank Complex.

OTHER EXHIBITIONS

- ★ A book exhibition at the civilian wing of Ma'an University.
- ★ Islamic book exhibition at the Islamic Cultural Centre for Men in Karak.

FILMS

- ★ A German film entitled *Kamikaze* (English subtitled) at the Goethe Institute — 8:00 p.m.



Lawzi, U.K. envoy discuss ties

AMMAN (Petra) — Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Lawzi confers in his office Monday with British Ambassador to Jordan

Anthony Reeve. They discussed Anglo-Jordanian relations especially in parliamentary issues (Petra photo)

Turkish civil aviation delegation in Amman

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A team from the Turkish Civil Aviation Authority has arrived here on a several-day visit to Jordan. Its members are expected to hold talks with the Civil Aviation Authority in Amman on promoting air travel between the two countries.

The team's arrival came close on the heels of a week-long visit to Turkey by Minister of Tourism Zuhair Ajlouni who, in a statement upon returning here Saturday, disclosed that he had discussed prospects for promoting Jordan-Turkey air transport operations associated with tourist groups visiting either country.

During his stay in Turkey, Ajlouni concluded an agreement with his Turkish counterpart designed to increase and encourage bilateral cooperation in tourist investment projects. Ajlouni said that the agreement provides for periodic meetings between tour operators and

tourist agents from both countries to pave the way for joint marketing of tourist attractions in Turkey and Jordan.

The agreement also encourages exchanges of visits by folk troupes from both countries to organise cultural festivals, which in turn act to serve the tourism cause, the minister noted.

Provisions for training of personnel involved in the tourism industry, launching unified efforts abroad to attract tourists to either country and exchanges of expertise and information related to the tourism sector are also included in the agreement which was signed last week, Ajlouni added.

The Turkish side has offered to help in Jordan's programmes of restoring archaeological sites; and the subject will be further explored during a cultural conference which will be held in Ankara in the coming year, according to the minister.

Ajlouni discusses training for tourist professionals

AMMAN (Petra) — A senior official from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) met here Monday with Minister of Tourism Zuhair Ajlouni to discuss training of Jordanian personnel in tourism fields.

The official, who is in charge of tourism affairs at the Geneva-based organisation discussed with Ajlouni prospects for ILO's con-

tribution to Jordan's process of re-classifying its hotels and conducting a study on hotels to promote their operations.

The ILO official will visit the Jordan-Hotel Institute and the Jordan Travel Agents Association to discuss tourist education and training programmes before reporting to the ILO headquarters.



World children's competition open until Dec. 31

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Shanker International Children's Competition is here again.

Designed to "create understanding and love among children of various countries," the competition is divided into two sections, painting and creative writing.

All children born after Jan. 1, 1973 are welcome to enter and there is no entry fee.

Prizes include gold medals, 400 silver medals and certificates of Merit to all deserving entries, the best of which will be published in the magazine "Children's World."

The organisers also stipulate that any drawing should be at least 30 cm by 40 cm, and any piece of writing should be written

originally in English, rather than being a translation from any other language.

Apart from that, there are no restrictions, and in fact the officials at the Indian embassy have specifically sought to gain publicity for the competition, so as to gain the maximum number of entrants from Jordan.

Drawings and writings (which may be poems, plays, short stories, essays or any kind of descriptive writing) may be sent to Shanker's International Children's Competition, Nehru House, 4 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi 110002, India, or for further information contact the Indian embassy. Closing date is Dec. 31, 1988.

MAYOR OF UM QAIS: The Cabinet has endorsed the appointment of Ali Ahmad Saleh as Mayor of Um Qais Municipality in Irbid Governorate (Petra).

Ghandour: Jordan is gateway to Mideast

By Lima Nabil
Special to the Jordan Times

MONTREAL — Jordan is considered as a gateway to the Middle East in view of its central location in the Arab World and its archaeological and historical wealth, and Royal Jordanian (RJ) is trying to help the Kingdom achieve that goal, RJ Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Ali Ghandour said here last week.

Addressing a reception held to mark the inauguration of the new Amman-Montreal route, Ghandour said when the RJ was found-

ed 25 years ago, His Majesty King Hussein entrusted it to serve as a goodwill ambassador to the world

"I would like to extend to you on behalf of Jordan, an invitation to visit the Kingdom which is a cradle of civilisation in the region, and hope you will make the visit to the land of open museums and archaeological sites," Ghandour said in his speech.

He said that Jordan "abounds with tourist and archaeological sites and enjoys a moderate climate; and is indeed an oasis of security and stability."

Referring to RJ operations said that it was transformed from a small airline into a major network linking all five continents.

W. German aide visits Yarmouk, reviews archaeological cooperation

IRBID (Petra) — West German Minister of State at the Foreign Office Helmut Schafer Monday called at Yarmouk University in Irbid and met with its President Mohammad Hamdan with whom he discussed cooperation between Yarmouk and West German Universities and higher institutions of learning, in the presence of the vice president and other university officials. Schafer and his accompanying delegation visited the university's Institute of Anthropology and Archaeology and inspected work on a museum

on Jordan's archaeology which is being set up with the help of a team from West Germany, later holding talks with Dr. Mu'awieh Ibrahim, the institute's director on the possibility of training the institute's personnel in the restoration of archaeological sites, documentation and filming these

sites at German centres. The West German official arrived in Amman Sunday on a several-day visit during which he is expected to be received by His Majesty King Hussein and will hold talks with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and other senior officials.

Yarmouk opens English literature conference

IRBID (Petra) — Yarmouk University Monday opened its fourth English literature conference which is being attended by delegates from several Arab and foreign universities.

University President Mohammad Hamdan delivered the opening speech in which he said that the meeting was designed to bolster cooperation among Arab universities in English literature.

Dr. Shafer Al Hassan Al Rashdan, the university's dean of the English Department, delivered a speech outlining the various topics to be tackled by the three-day conference.

He said the participants will review nearly 20 working papers dealing with English and American literature and literary criticism.

British scholar in Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — Professor Norman Page, a noted scholar from Nottingham University in England, is currently in Jordan to join the Yarmouk University English Literature Conference from Oct. 30 and a day's discussions and lectures at the University of Jordan on Nov. 5.

He will be in Jordan as guest of the two universities, and of the British Council.

At Yarmouk he will address two questions: First: What makes it hard to find the truth about the private lives of writers? And second: How important is that truth for an understanding of their work?

In Amman he will join discussions of the poet T.S. Eliot, of Conrad's novel "Lord Jim," and of "Realism and the Novel."

JVA board endorses plan to modernise S. Shuneh

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) board Monday approved an organisation plan for the Kafra/Jofeh and plans to expand the town's perimeter to include Al Jawasreh village.

The meeting, chaired by Minis-

ter of Water and Irrigation Ahmad Dakhan, also endorsed a plan to modernise South Shuneh in the Jordan Valley and gave consent to a request by farmers owning units of land in the Jordan Valley, to bequeath them or offer them to relatives and partners.

Jaza'iri: Ministers should unify health education

AMMAN (Petra) — World Health Organisation (WHO) regional director Hussein Al Jaza'iri left Amman Monday at the end of a two-day visit to Amman during which he met with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and other officials to discuss the WHO's contribution to the Kingdom's health educational curriculum in primary schools.

Al Jaza'iri together with the

heads of regional offices of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) discussed the subject with the Prime Minister Sunday and looked into the prospect of uniting the efforts of the Ministries of Education and Health in order to carry out the project.



Jordanian publications at Frankfurt exhibition

JORDAN was among 95 countries that took part in a six-day book exhibition held in the West German city of Frankfurt between Oct. 5 and 10, displaying national publications by two publishing houses Dar Al Bashir and the Arab Establishment for Studies and Publication.

The exhibition, which was the 40th to be held in the city in the post-war era, was opened by West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher at a ceremony attended by Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti and other dignitaries.

A total of 340,000 books and publications were displayed at the

exhibition by some 8,000 publishing houses which included some from six Arab countries.

The two Jordanian publishing houses displayed books on history, Arab and Islamic literature and culture, law, economy and other samples of the various collections of books which they publish in Arabic and English in Amman and London. The books also included compendiums, children's books and religious studies. The photograph shows Radwan Abboud, the director of Dar Al Bashir, chatting with visitors to the Jordanian wing at the Frankfurt exhibition.

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Israeli elections

ON the eve of Israel's national elections, most polls in Israel predict either a Likud victory or a stalemate. Neither result would augur well for peace prospects in the Middle East. Likud is openly committed to rejecting an international peace conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict, and is overtly opposed to relinquishing even one inch of Arab territories occupied in 1967.

But if the projected Israeli-Arab vote deprives either of the two strongest political parties of some 13 seats in the 120-member Knesset, then the Arab card in Israel could be put to optimum use by offering to take sides with the political party which accepts to take the most reasonable posture towards the Palestinian conflict.

Part of the blame for the political limbo in Israel is due to the fact that Labour and Likud hardly differ on the fundamentals of the Arab-Israeli conflict. With Labour boasting that it has turned down all peace overtures that call for Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories, and portraying that record as evidence that Labour can be just as intransigent as Likud, the Israeli electorate ends up having no real options on issues of war and peace.

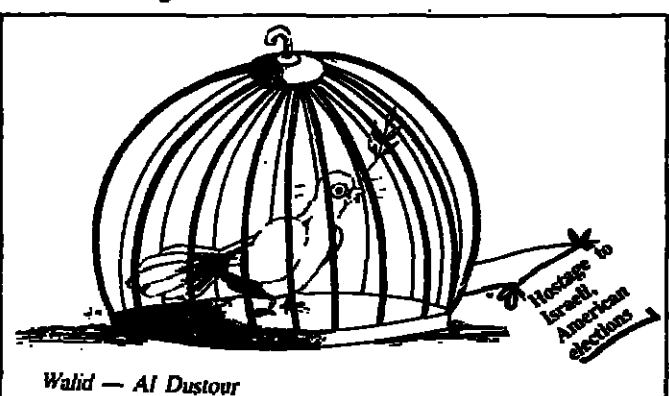
The Palestinian intifada has acted as a catalyst to ignite international, including Israeli, interest in the Palestinian case, as well as to galvanise global action in support of Palestinian aspirations for freedom and self-determination. If the political balance in Israel in the wake of today's election proves unfavourable to the cause of peace, the Arab World should continue to support the Palestinian struggle until there is an Israeli interlocutor to engage us in peace talks.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i newspaper Monday commented on the resumption of peace negotiations between Iran and Iraq in Geneva, and paid tribute to the efforts of the U.N. secretary general for bringing the two sides to the negotiating table again. Nothing was achieved in the first round of negotiations between the two countries, and it looked as though the U.N. will not succeed in bridging the gap between them, to help them arrive at peace, the paper noted. It said that Iran is to blame for any procrastination in the achievement of peace because it has been adamant in its position not only during the war but also at the Geneva negotiations which aim to implement U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 to end the conflict. Iraq for its part, said the paper, had been more flexible during the negotiations and was seeking an end to the conflict even while the war was going on over the past years.

Al Dustour daily commented on His Majesty King Hussein's visit to the newspaper's office Sunday, describing it as a major event in the life of the Al Dustour editors and staff. Al Dustour newspaper was greatly honoured by the visit and considers the King's directives as guidelines for future plans and endeavours, the paper noted. It said that the King's speech will revitalise the paper's potentials and give it a new momentum for further dedication to serving the Kingdom.

Sawt Al Shaab daily which was also visited by King Hussein Sunday expressed pride and great delight over the visit. The paper referred to the King's statements in which he emphasised the need at the moment to enhance joint Arab action and to pool Arab efforts and resources in the face of common challenges. For this to be achieved, said the paper, a series of consultations and contacts are needed among Arab leaders to clearly define issues and measures to deal with these challenges. The paper urged Arab states to benefit from the example set by regional groupings in other parts of the world which proved successful in dealing with common issues and which proved to be a strong force in the face of external dangers and threats.



Walid — Al Dustour

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

Why?

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour Arabic daily Monday reflected on the huge fire in Marka Sunday which engulfed a nylon factory and several neighbouring homes and businesses. The writer, Ahmad Jamil Shaker, asks why the government should allow such factories, like the one which was burnt down, to be installed in the midst of residential areas. He quotes Civil Defence Department officials as saying that a real tragedy could have occurred had the fire engines not reached the scene of the incident a few minutes after the fire broke out; and says that there is need to move factories to areas outside the residential areas to protect human life. Shaker reminds readers of the explosion that occurred at a warehouse storing explosive materials in Umm Al Basatin a few years ago; and another where gas cylinders had been stored in the midst of residential areas. He says that following the two incidents measures were taken to remove the source of danger from urban regions, and he urges concerned authorities to take prompt measures to avoid future danger.

Palestinians follow Israeli poll, differ on outcome

By Paul Taylor
Reuter

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM — Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are avidly following Israel's election campaign, but they disagree whether the outcome makes any difference.

The 1.75 million Palestinians in the occupied territories will not have a vote Tuesday and Israeli troops are prepared for violent demonstrations there on polling day.

Some Arab intellectuals, in an argument apparently backed by the PLO, want Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' centre-left Labour Party to win because it favours an international Middle East peace conference.

Others say only Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud party is strong enough to deliver real concessions in peace talks.

Street activists in a 10-month-old uprising against Israeli rule say they don't care who wins, since both parties are perceived as equally bad for the Palestinians.

"There's no difference between Likud and Labour. Both deny our rights," said Omar Abu Sinan, a pharmacist from the village of Silwad, near Ramallah.

Many Palestinians commented that a Labour defence minister, Yitzhak Rabin, was behind Israel's iron fist policy of shoot-

ings, beatings, expulsions and house demolitions in an effort to crush the uprising.

Hanan Ashrawi, dean of arts at Bir Zeit University, closed by the Israeli authorities for the last year, said Palestinians believed a Likud government would increase repression, while a Labour cabinet would at least attempt some peace gesture.

"But both have said very clearly they don't want a Palestinian state," she said.

While Labour favours a territorial compromise with a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation hand-

ling densely-populated parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip back to Arab rule, Likud insists Israel must retain control over the entire area.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), involving itself in an Israeli election campaign for the first time, has appealed to Israeli Arabs and Jews to vote for peace-loving parties.

Without naming its preferred parties, the PLO has indicated a clear tilt towards Labour.

It postponed until after the Israeli poll plans to declare an independent state, partly because

Egypt and the Soviet Union warned such a move could boost the Israeli right, Palestinian sources said.

The PLO-backed underground leadership of the uprising in the occupied territories issued an unprecedented leaflet urging Israelis to vote to end the occupation and establish a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israeli experts said any overt PLO help for Labour would backfire badly among Jewish voters.

Sari Nusseibeh, a philosophy

professor who supports the PLO, said some Palestinians wanted Likud to win so that things would get worse and a radicalised conflict would eventually yield a Palestinian state.

Personally I think that's nonsense. I think Labour would be better for the Palestinians," he said.

But even Nusseibeh dismissed Labour's proposals for local elections in the occupied territories next year if calm returned to the areas. No Palestinian was in a position to stop the uprising and the Labour offer was not serious.

Radwan Abu Ayyash, president of the Arab Journalists' Association, also gave cautious support to Labour. "I don't count too much on who wins but there is a difference between a government that is a little reasonable and one that is completely blind. A Shamir government would bring war," he said.

"The PLO prefers someone who might recognise them," he added.

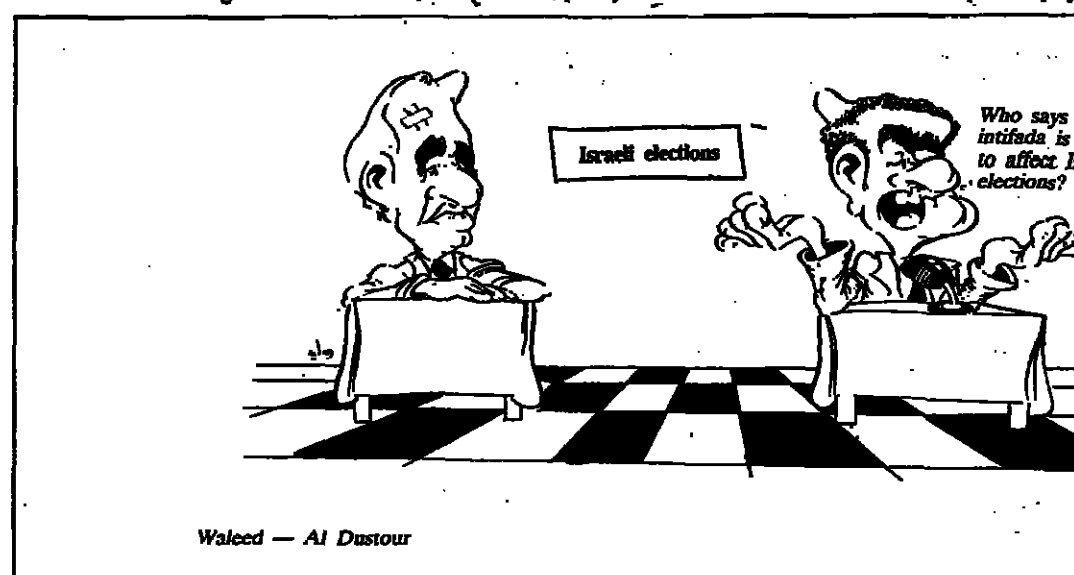
However some Palestinians believe a Likud government would be better placed to make peace.

"It's better to have Likud in power and Labour in opposition," said Mahmoud Abu Zuhair, publisher of the biggest West Bank newspaper, Al Quds. He recalled that a Likud government under Menachem Begin handed back the entire Sinai peninsula in exchange for peace with Egypt.

Othman Hallaq, editor of the rival An Nahar daily, took a similar line. "With Likud at least you know where you are, where they stand," he said.

Jack Khazmo, editor of the political weekly Al Bayader Al Siyasi, said it was futile for Palestinians to try to affect the Israeli elections.

"I don't care. We shouldn't try to interfere in it or try to affect public opinion in Israel. What we have to do is to show the world there is a Palestinian problem," he said.



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'Vote for Dukakis'

The following is the text of an address made by Arab American Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) Chairman James G. Abourezk to the U.S. Arab Chamber of Commerce, Boston, Mass. on Oct. 19, 1988.

AS THOUGH to prove how reliant we are on the press both for our information and our opinions, you may have noticed how little press coverage the Palestinian uprising has gotten since the presidential campaign has heated up.

Just last Sunday the Washington Post ran a story that the PLO was now reconsidering to join a Jordanian delegation in any new round of peace talks. Ordinarily, such a story would have been on the front page of the Post. That's not to say that my home town newspaper has suddenly decided to change sides in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

No — the Washington Post will most likely never do that. But it has, along with other press outlets, seen the news value in a major rebellion that is taking place in the occupied territories, and indeed, within Israel itself. I should say, it had, for a time, seen the news value. Ever since the Israelis took Henry Kissinger's advice and kicked out the press, there has been precious little news of Israeli beating, shooting, torturing, imprisoning and deporting Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. As Alex Cockburn said, the Palestinians were shot and died on page one for the first few weeks of the uprising, and now they are shot and die in small articles inside the newspapers. The Israelis are still shooting, beating, torturing, imprisoning and deporting Palestinians just as heavily as before.

One of the tragedies of the conflict remain constant — there are still too few people willing to speak out against the atrocities being committed there, atrocities that the unwitting American taxpayer is paying for... through appropriations sent to Israel by a compliant Congress and a cooperative administration. Not only are American politicians silent, but too many members of the American Jewish community say nothing about the murderous Israeli government. It seems there is no crime too great, no action by Israel too horrendous for American Jewish groups to criticise. In fact, Jewish leaders spend most of their time making excuses for Israel's outrages. But the news this week is most encouraging. Some of the mainstream Jewish groups are forming their own lobbying arm to lobby Congress. They are doing so in opposition to AIPAC, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which has been the Capitol Hill group speaking for American Jews. This is the first time a crack has appeared in the solid wall of pro-Israel sentiment, although it may have as much to do with the Israeli elections as with anything else. AIPAC has been a Likud supporter, and the mainstream Jewish groups are long time Labour party supporters.

The Middle East has not become an issue in our presidential campaign. That's not surprising, primarily because there's little or no profit for the candidates in making it a major issue. Perhaps we should be thankful for it. History has shown us that if one American candidate promises to do something for Israel, the other one will outbid him. But during the course of this campaign there has been one almost unnoticed difference in how the two candidates have handled it.

George Bush has come out in

total opposition to a Palestinian state. Both he and the Republican platform have repeatedly said no to Palestinian independence. This position does not derive from any well-thought out platform. How can a rational person, even if he is a politician, continue to watch what's happening in the uprising, then continue to deny the right of self-determination to Palestinians? Rather, it is a position designed to please Jewish voters and Jewish contributors.

It's interesting to see Bush come down this hard on the Palestinians... interesting because most Arab-Americans, and, in fact, most Arabs, believe Bush is better for the Arab World than the Dukakis. But Arabs are not the only ones who have voted against their own interests in the past. Even Jews have been accused of doing so by staying with the Democratic Party. As they become more affluent, they logically should move rightward, to the Republican Party, but the majority of Jews have stayed with the Democrats. The primary reason, of course, is the Democrat's responsiveness to human rights violations, with the momentary exception of Israel. There is a debate currently going on in the Jewish community, spurred by Bush supporters who are Jews. They are bashing Dukakis because there are three new members of Democratic National Committee who are pro-Palestinian — two blacks and one Arab American. What I like about the controversy is that my old protagonist, Hyman Bookbinder, against whom I debated last year, is defending the three members in debates against pro-Bush Jews. Bookie thanked me last week for sharpening up his debating skills.

Governor Dukakis, even more interestingly, is the second choice of most Arabs. What I've heard is that because his wife is Jewish, he would be a slave to Israel's interests. I personally reject the notion that a candidate should be judged on the basis of who he's married to. As founder and chairman of ADC, I have dedicated my life to fighting racism against people of Arab descent. I'm not about to start denouncing people because they happen to be Jewish descent. I judge people not on how they're born, but on how they behave. For any Arab to do otherwise is both morally and physically suicidal.

"If you've watched the two campaigns, as I have, you will notice that while Dukakis has mouthed some pro-Israeli buzz words, such as no weapons to the Arabs, and let's move the (U.S.) embassy to Jerusalem, he has resisted every pro-Israeli pressure put on him to oppose a Palestinian state. Even during the New York primary, where the pressures are the greatest, he refused to knuckle under to the pro-Israeli lobby.

Compare that to Jesse Jackson, who started his international career as a champion of the Palestinians, and who caved in during the New York primary, when he said he would never talk to the PLO if he were elected president. I hate to bring this up, but I did tell Jesse a couple of years ago that giving in to the Israeli lobby would only bring him grief, and that they would never forgive him anyway. Well, even with all his efforts to cater to the Jewish vote, he has never been forgiven, not forgotten.

Beyond the Middle East, I measure the candidates in other ways. I agree that Dukakis is cold, that he can't smile, and that he's been late in putting his campaign together. But I believe he is by and large decent, and that he will appoint decent people in his administration.

I have always said that the best chance for Arab-Americans is the Democratic Party. There's one major reason for that — the Democrats are much more responsive to human rights arguments than are the Republicans. Ronald Reagan and his administration show concern for human rights only when his hired killers, the contras, are taking their humps in Nicaragua. Beyond that, Reagan will support any country, dictatorship or not, that agrees to take its orders from him and his administration. That includes Israel, although in that case, he takes orders, rather than gives them.

Incidentally, I was told by some friends who live here in Boston that Dukakis has lost his popularity here, and that I shouldn't say anything in his favour. Had I listened to that same advice years ago concerning American Indians, I would never have accomplished what I did for them while during my time in Congress. There is only one other group more unpopular than Indians, and that is the Palestinians, the Lebanese, and Arabs in general. Had I worried about their certified unpopularity, I would have never gone through the trouble to organise ADC.

Sniffing the wind is a disease that has afflicted too many politicians today, which is why the Congress continues to vote money for Israel in the face of its ongoing criminality. There are a few members of Congress who have the courage to stand up and say "no more." But there are not enough yet, which is why our work is a long way from being finished.

I have always said that if you gave Americans both sides of the story — on any issue — they would make a fair decision most of the time. I still believe that. I'm greatly encouraged by the number of citizens groups that have sprung up around the country to support Palestinian uprising. Here in the Boston area, two separate referenda will be on the ballot in November dealing with the Palestinian issue.

One condemns Israel for violations of Palestinians' human rights and calls for an end to spending U.S. taxpayers' money for Israel's occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The other asks for support of a Palestinian state in the occupied territories and security for both Israel and the new Palestinian state.

Of course, these are being strongly contested by pro-Israeli organisations. I read in the Boston Globe a quote by Philip Perlmuter, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, who attacked the "implication that there have been violations of Palestinian human rights."

ican politics has reached the stage where we have to outbid the opposition to achieve simple justice, but, as they say, that's show business.

ADC is doing what it can to help the Coalition for Palestinian Human Rights. ADC's president, Abdeen Jabara, will be in Boston two days from now, on Friday the 21st, to help raise money for the Coalition's campaign. He will appear at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Karam Skaff, 45 Cliff Road, in Sudbury, Massachusetts. He will be accompanied by Ambassador Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's Ambassador to the United Nations.

I would encourage all of you to attend, to contribute money, to work in the campaign however you can... anything to help get these referenda over the top.

As a community, Arab Americans have a way to go to organise ourselves into a unified voting block. We have to learn to vote not only for our interests with respect

to the Middle East, but also for some kind of justice in other parts of the world. And justice here in America is equally important. If we ask for it in Palestine, we must ask for it in Central America, and especially here in the United States. Justice overseas means that we cannot continue to provide arms to dictators who oppress their own people with them. Justice at home means we cannot continue the trend, started most recently under Reagan, of passing laws that give an economic advantage to those who already have an advantage, at the expense of the middle class and the poor. It is a question of budget priorities. Do you choose to spend untold billions on weapons systems that are developed, not to defend the United States, but to only to fuel the arms industry? Or do you try, somehow, to use our limited resources to make America economically sound and humanly fair?

I am not so old, but I can

remember a time when the country would have been shocked at disclosures of massive fraud by insider trading on Wall Street, or by the bribery and fraud in the recently disclosed Pentagon scandals, or by giving arms to Iran in exchange for hostages. There seems to be no outrage left in people. There is a reason for that. The country waits for its president to express its anger, but in all these cases, we can hardly expect Reagan, or Bush, to suddenly being self-criticism, can we?

We, as a community, really need to renounce the ways of the "me" generation, the yuppie credo which says that we must forget about everybody else and make certain we're comfortable.

The result of such an attitude on our part will not only be morally correct, but it will bring us new allies in our own struggle to achieve justice in the Middle East, and fairness to our own people here at home.

Soviet press even-handed, but officials prefer Bush

By Susan Cornwell
Reuter

MOSCOW — A picture of Michael Dukakis in a Soviet newspaper is likely to be accompanied by one of George Bush, reflecting the official media's even-handed treatment of the American presidential candidates.

Compliments, criticism, headlines and even column inches seem to have been doled out dispassionately to Democrat and Republican candidates alike.

Judging from the media's handling of the candidates, the Soviet Union is as bored with the Nov. 8 election as many Americans are.

"Reading the pieces it is impossible not to wonder at the balancing skills of the authors," said Melior Sturua, a political analyst for the government newspaper Izvestia, in a recent guest column in Moscow news.

He argued that Soviet media should reflect the diversity of opinion in the country and be more analytical of U.S. politics now that the era of glasnost (openness) is in full swing.

But as far as the government is concerned, the seemingly disinterested coverage serves a purpose: Keeping the Kremlin out of the campaign.

"We want to be very cautious. We don't want to do anything to fuel the debate," foreign ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told Reuters.

"There is no official Soviet view of the election," he said, adding: "After all, it is not very exciting."

The Communist Party daily Pravda may have given a clue of some official attitudes, being slightly more critical of Bush and more complimentary of Dukakis throughout the campaign.

After the first televised debate between the candidates on Sept. 26, Pravda declared Dukakis the winner, although it mildly criticised him for modifying his earlier opposition to President Reagan's "Star Wars" programme, the strategic defence initiative (SDI).

On Oct. 20, Pravda rapped Bush for a speech he gave saying the West should not be lulled by Soviet reforms. Still, by Pravda's standards, it was a gentle blow.

Bush's belief that Washington should deal with Moscow from a "position of strength" contradicts the mutual understanding that has developed between the two superpowers, Pravda said.

"To act according to the recommendations of the vice president is equal to taking one step forward with the left foot and one step backwards with the right foot," it said.

If Western diplomats' impressions are correct, there are more Bush supporters in Moscow than Pravda would indicate.

Four superpower summits with the Reagan administration have made the vice president a familiar, and therefore comfortable, figure among Soviet officials, the diplomats say.

"All the officials I know prefer Bush," one Soviet political analyst at Western embassy told Reuters. "They want a known quantity."

"They have had memories of Jimmy Carter in 1977, when he radically changed negotiating

positions in arms control negotiations," he said.

Recently Moscow has been abuzz with the tale that Bush has a very big backer in the Kremlin — Gorbachev himself.

According to the Italian newspaper La Repubblica, Italian Prime Minister Ciriaco de Mita left the Kremlin after an October visit convinced that Gorbachev preferred Bush.

During their talks, Gorbachev said he thought the Democrats had good ideas, but he favoured continuity in the U.S. government, de Mita told La Repubblica.

"I am not sure about the correctness of these remarks," Gerasimov told Reuters.

"We are for continuity," Gerasimov said, but added: "What kind of administration the White House will have depends on the U.S. voter."

"Personally I prefer Dukakis, but I think Bush will win."

LETTERS

Keep it rosy

To the Editor:

UNLESS you are a Martian, a Gremlin, an E.T. or such other creature from outer space, you can now drive through the Sik and visit Petra in the comfort and luxury of your own car. I understand that permission has been granted recently for a very wide range of visitors to use motorised vehicles inside the city of Petra.

What happened to ecology, our duty to posterity, our commitment to preserve national heritage for the generations to come, and indeed for the whole world. This site that has witnessed many civilisations march through the Sik and is one of the wonders of the world; the major tourist attraction of this country; the witness to the greatness of the Nabatean Arab culture, will soon disintegrate under our own eyes. We worry about pollution affecting our modern concrete jungles, and yet easily overlook the damage this modern-day affliction will cause to Petra.

Why? Why can we not continue enjoying a leisurely ride on horseback, or even walk, through the winding Sik? And what about that pretty little horse carriage for the elderly and handicapped?

I sincerely hope that the authorities will re-consider and help keep Petra rose-red before it turns into grey-dead!

Mimri Y. Nassar
Amman

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Berri accuses Hizbollah of killings

NABATIYEH, Lebanon (R) — A Shi'ite leader said Sunday that the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) organisation was behind the killing of three Lebanese militia officials a month ago. Nabih Berri, leader of the Amal militia, said the command of Hizbollah had ordered the killing of Daoud Daoud, head of Amal's executive committee, Hassan Shaiti and Mahmoud Fakih on September 22. "Your command (Hizbollah) has pushed the Shi'ite of Lebanon into seclusion... Your command, in return for some 20 (foreign) hostages, has tarnished the image of Islamic Iran," Berri said.

Egyptian plane hijacker to stand trial

VALLETTA (R) — The trial of the surviving hijacker of an Egyptian Boeing 737 in which 60 people were killed was expected to open Monday, police sources said. Omar Mohammad Ali Rezaq, 25, a Palestinian from Lebanon, was one of four hijackers who seized the plane on a flight from Athens to Cairo on November 23, 1985, and forced it to land at Malta's Luqa airport. His fellow gunmen were killed when Egyptian commandos stormed the plane 24 hours later after the hijackers killed two hostages and dumped their bodies onto the tarmac.

Opposition group to release 250 PoWs

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — An Iraq-based group which opposes the Iranian regime of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini announced Monday it will release 250 Iranian prisoners of war captured by their forces during the Gulf war. A statement from the National Liberation Army, the fighting arm of the Peoples Mujahideen of Iran led by Massoud Rajavi, said the released PoWs "are free to choose their future way of life as they choose." This phrasing indicated some of the released prisoners may decide to join up with the NLA instead of being repatriated to Iran. The prisoners, held in the Iran-Iraq border area, were captured during NLA forays into Iran in the latter stages of the eight year Iran-Iraq war.

ABTA meets in Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — British travel agents opened a three-day convention in west Jerusalem on Sunday, despite protests by the Arab League and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Arab protest has dogged the convention ever since and the PLO has lobbied ABTA members to boycott the event. Last Thursday the Arab League warned Britain not to send Tourism Minister John Lee.

Saudi Arabia denies plot charge

RIYADH (R) — Saudi Arabia Monday denied it had been involved in a plot to topple the Iranian government and said the kingdom's foreign policy was based on non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries. The official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) quoted a responsible source as saying allegations in a book to be published this week in Israel and the United States were "completely incorrect and fabricated." Reuters carried a report on October 28 about the book "The Iranian Triangle" which says Israel, the United States, Sudan and Saudi Arabia plotted in 1982 to overthrow Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's government and restore Iran's monarchy. The author of the book, Israeli journalist Samuel Segal, said the plan was to be carried out in 1983, but fell apart after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in June 1982.

GCC to discuss Gulf peace

BAHRAIN (R) — Six Gulf Arab foreign ministers will meet in Saudi Arabia Tuesday, in the shadow of the tortuous negotiations between Iran and Iraq in Geneva, to discuss how they can help bring lasting peace to the region. The ministers from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will consider their role as stipulated in U.N. Security Council ceasefire Resolution 598, the Saudi newspaper Asharq Al Awsat quoted well-informed sources in Riyadh as saying. Article eight of the resolution, the basis for the Iran-Iraq peace talks, asks the U.N. secretary-general to examine, in consultation with both parties and other Gulf states, measures to improve regional security and stability.

U.N. to get 2nd plane for Juba airlift

KAMPALA (R) — The U.S. cargo airline flying in food for the starving people of the besieged southern Sudan town of Juba will add a second plane to the airlift, a United Nations official said Monday. Apollo Ogoni, of the U.N.'s World Food Programme (WFP), said the Miami-based Southern Air Transport's second super Hercules C-130 aircraft would speed up the movement of desperately-needed food to Juba, besieged by rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) since 1985. The WFP hoped to move 1,000 metric tonnes of maize to the town — enough to provide up to three meals for Juba's 300,000 residents, he said. Juba had had no food shipments for one month before the airlift started last Wednesday.

Voices of the victims

War Wounds
Sudanese people
report on their war

Published by The Panos Institute,
London, £4.95

JUBA, Sudan — The civilian population in south Sudan see four enemies, all of them deadly: government troops, the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), the tribal militias — and famine. And they are defenceless against any of these. This is the state of affairs in every corner of the south today.

Killing and looting are everywhere. Civilian casualties have far outnumbered those among the armed forces. A veritable genocide is underway, report local correspondents in the book "War Wounds", published by the Panos Institute, London, on October 27, 1988.

One woman, Jakuda, who lost her husband in this genocide tells her story. She is from Nyamini, a

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camp for the Mundari pastoralist people displaced from Terekeka district — about 30 kilometres north west of Juba.

"I am called Jakuda — I come from a place called Mayen. The SPLA have killed my husband. I have lost our properties, cattle and everything."

"They killed him because they say that the Mundari are bad and because he was resisting over the cattle — he didn't want the SPLA to take the cattle."

"I had the small children — I was running ahead with the other children — I had one on my back and I was carrying the other one and so the cattle were taken — I don't know where they are gone."

"I stayed on there, but was alone all the time. I would collect green vegetables from the bush and make it for food, but as soon as the food was ready the SPLA would come and they would like to eat that."

"When I escaped into the bush, I was alone but for my three children. On the way there were many people, so we came with other people. They said they were running away, too."

"One of my children died on the way coming here. Now I am left with two; you can see them here. The child died because there was nothing to eat and there was no milk. It was the youngest that died. We took six days on the way coming — when we got tired we would sit and rest or sleep in the place we were tired."

"I am nine days here in Nyamini now. I had nothing with me when I arrived — I only came

with my children. I have nothing. "I don't think I will go back home soon. Even if I go now, who is going to take care of me? I have nobody."

Her experience and despair is echoed by another woman in another district who found herself the victim of another of the four enemies, government militias. Samira Nyatap was asked to describe their attack on the town she lived in, Bentiu, in Bahr Al Ghazal. She is now in the Fugido refugee camp in western Ethiopia.

"Our house was attacked. We don't know why. So many people were killed... it took us two months and 22 days to get here. We ate leaves of the trees, occasionally an animal that had died."

We had a small jerrycan of water. Many children died on the way."

Samira says she became separated from her husband when they first escaped; she doesn't know whether he is dead or alive. She lost two of her children on the way.

A man in his fifties with scars of bullet wounds, Yoi Ngor from Aweil District, says that the government militia attacked his village, killed his brother, his children and his cows. They took some women. They shot at him and then tried to kill him with a spear. He was unconscious for a time but managed to escape, although it was difficult to move on the journey. He depended on leaves for food.

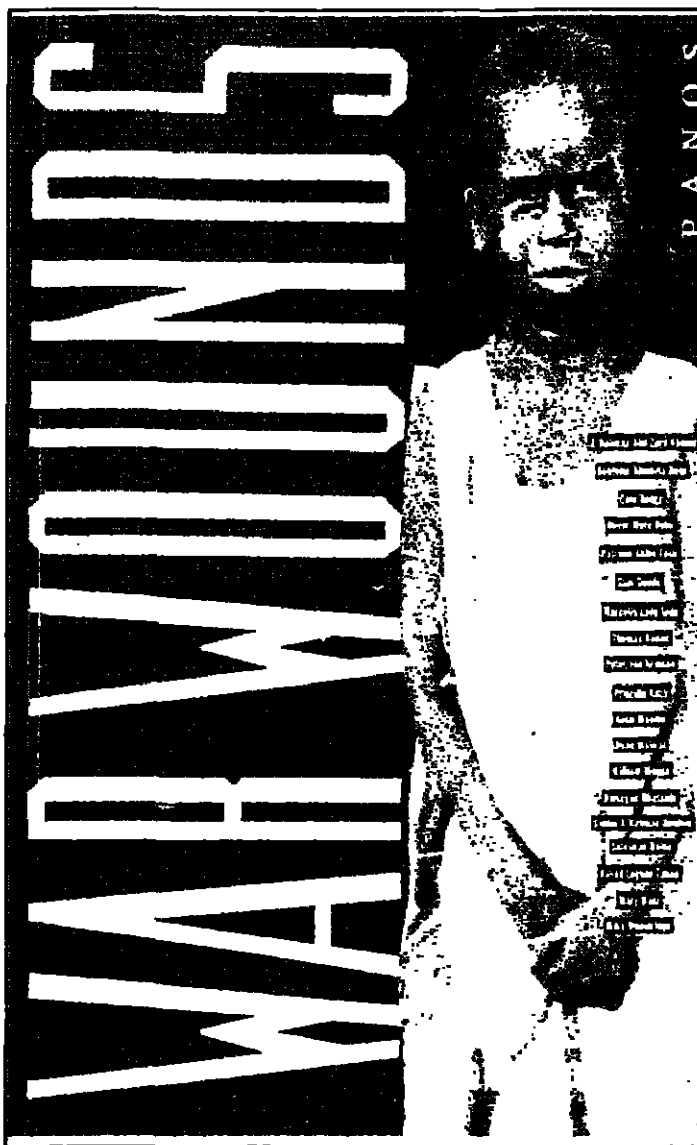
A group of boys also told how other boys were killed on the way. One says that his elder brother went to look for water in their village back in Sudan and did not come back. They tell how the militias took womenfolk, burnt houses, stole food and cattle.

One boy has a very disfigured shoulder and neck. He explains that he was thrown into a burning house by militiamen.

Another family group took two months to reach Fugido camp from Pacong village, near Rumbek. "We had a lot of difficulties. There were so many swampy places — some of us got lost in the swamps and some of us lost our children that way. People were shooting at us from a helicopter and so we concealed ourselves. So many died on the way."

Asked why they left Rumbek they said, "our houses and villages were set on fire by the army. We were just looking for survival. No one encouraged us to come. Either you escape or you die."

Professor Abdul Rahman Abu Zayd Ahmed, until recently Vice-Chancellor of the University of



Juba, sums up: "We have destroyed immense wealth, lost valuable opportunities for growth and inflicted permanent injury to the national psyche, with nothing to show for our deeds."

Beyond the atrocities, the book "War Wounds" also reports on the damage to Sudan's social sectors. Health care has all but disappeared as medical supplies are rarely available. Agricultural and pastoral livelihoods have virtually come to a standstill. Even aid from outside the country has been severely disrupted by

attacks from rebels.

What hope is there for an end to the warfare?

General Olusegun Obasanjo, Nigerian Head of State from 1975-79, writes in the preface: "As in most civil conflicts, the causes are ultimately deeply embedded, with deep roots in Sudanese history, from which it follows that only a political settlement, taking into account the legitimate aspirations of all sections of Sudanese society, will guarantee lasting peace" — Panos features.

Reagan vows support for Israel

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Ronald Reagan vowed Sunday that America will never forget the lessons of the holocaust, pledging unwavering support for Israel and to "use force" against any threat of fascism.

"We must defend ourselves against the evil of totalitarianism," Reagan said in a speech to members of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre at its annual awards banquet.

"We must remain strong and we must be willing to use force when we are under threat. This is a lesson that binds us still closer to the state of Israel, for the fact

is, a strong Israel depends upon a strong America," Reagan said.

Declaring that "monsters" were responsible for the holocaust, Reagan said "the mind reels from the enormity of the crime — it begs to be set free from so terrible a fact, to wipe it from the memory."

The centre presented Reagan with its 1988 humanitarian award in recognition of his commitment to Israel, his work in defence of Soviet Jewry and the signing of the arms reduction treaty with the Soviet Union, the White House said.

EEC grants West Bank, Gaza 3m ECU

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Commission of the European Communities will finance nine projects in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, under its 1988 programme of development assistance to the Palestinian people, the EC office in Amman announced.

The Community will support with 3 million European Currency Units (ECUs) in grants, actions which promote income generated employment in the agricultural, industrial and service sectors and which help improve primary health care in the most deprived areas. Special importance has been placed on strengthening local Palestinian credit and health institutions.

Community development assistance in 1988 will be distributed as follows:

— support for the Arab Development Society dairy plant in Jericho — 450,000 ECU;

— credit for small-scale operations in the agricultural, industrial and service sectors through the Arab Development and Credit Company, the Economic Development Group, the United Agricultural Company and the European NGO, Cooperation for Development — 1,800,000 ECU;

— support for primary health care activities through the Red Crescent Society in Hebron, the Medical Relief Society and UNRWA's West Bank and Gaza fields of operation — 750,000 ECU.

In addition to the above, the Commission has already decided since the beginning of 1988 to finance various NGO projects for about 1 million ECU, and will provide over the year humanitarian and relief assistance worth 38.3 million ECU to Palestinian refugees in the occupied territories through UNRWA's regular and emergency programmes.

Nasser's son accused of killing Israelis

CAIRO (R) — A son of the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser goes on trial in his absence Tuesday accused of involvement in the killing of Israeli officials, the wounding of U.S. security men and trying to overthrow Egypt's government.

The trial of Khaled Abdul Nasser and 19 others is likely to produce political fireworks over Egypt's ties with Israel because the son of an Arab nationalist hero faces a possible death sentence.

Prosecutors have demanded the death penalty for Nasser and 10 others accused of criminal complicity in wounding an Israeli diplomat in 1984, killing two Israeli officials in Cairo in 1985

and 1986 and attacking two Americans last year.

Nine other defendants, including Nasser's cousin, Gamal Shawkat Abdul Nasser, face jail terms on lesser charges in the so-called "Egypt's revolution" case.

The start of the trial in the supreme state security court at a secluded, heavily-guarded building in Cairo's Nasr city grounds coincides with general elections in Israel.

Eight of the 20 defendants are known to be behind bars, 10 are out on bail and only the two Nassers are abroad. Khaled, a 38-year-old engineer, has spent most of the last year in Yugoslavia.

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Dollar drops to four-month lows

LONDON (R) — The dollar fell to its lowest in four months Monday on worries about the U.S. economy ahead of the Nov. 8 presidential elections and dealers said the American and Japanese central banks intervened to prop it up.

The U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) Board was said by New York dealers to have bought dollars when America's currency slipped below 124.80 Japanese yen. The Bank of Japan intervened in earlier Asian trading. The Fed's action brought the dollar back up to trade just above 125 yen. It fetched around 1.7750 Deutschmarks.

The dollar has not been below 125 yen since June 10. Dealers say it is weaker now, after rallying in the summer, because of renewed concern about America's huge trade and budget deficits.

Gold also reflected market nervousness and firmed in value. It was set in London's bullion market at \$412.35 after Friday's closing \$411.40.

Wall Street stocks were slightly lower, partly in response to the weak dollar, and in early New York trading the Dow Jones industrial average was down seven at 2,143.

Economists say that the Fed is unlikely to relax its grip on credit any time soon despite a slowdown in economic growth.

They said the U.S. central bank, which has been gradually raising short-term interest rates since March, was not convinced the danger of rising inflation was over.

"Given the present risks of inflationary pressures in the U.S. economy, we do not consider monetary policy to be excessively tight in present circumstances," Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan said in a letter to the Senate.

Although some data since then suggest inflation was levelled off, economists said the underlying rate is still too high to permit the Federal Open Market Committee, the Fed's policy-making arm, to ease credit when it meets Tuesday, a week before the U.S. presidential election.

"It would be premature to contemplate an easing move," said

Stephen Slier of Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc.

Conversely, Commerce Department Undersecretary Robert Ortner said the slowdown in third-quarter growth meant there was no reason to raise interest rates.

"In these numbers as a package, it seems to me there's little evidence or reason for further immediate tightening," Ortner told reporters.

He was referring to his department's gross national product (GNP) report, which showed economic growth slowed to 2.2 per cent in the third quarter from 3.0 per cent between April and June.

But economists were quick to point out that without the impact

of the early-summer drought, which reduced farm production, growth would have been a solid 2.8 per cent.

Fed officials, moreover, say the labour-market and factory-use strains that Greenspan cited in July as a reason for erring on the side of a restrictive policy are persisting.

The unemployment rate in September, for instance, was just one-tenth of a point above June's 14-year low of 5.3 per cent.

"It looks like labour demand remains strong," said First Chicago Corp economist Dana Johnson.

"The clear tendency of the Fed will be to keep policy unchanged and see if they have to do more in the way of tightening. Three can be no thought of easing," he said.

Economists also gave a muted cheer to the latest inflation figures.

Consumer price inflation slowed to 0.3 per cent in September from 0.5 per cent in August,

but two broader inflation gauges calculated by the Commerce Department rose at an annual rate of five per cent in the past six months. In 1987 the two indices rose 3.3 and 3.6 per cent respectively.

"The trend seems to be toward a gradual acceleration in inflation," said Paul Boltz of T Rowe Price Associates Inc. in Baltimore.

The Fed will be pleased at the slowdown in growth, but "it's no reason to ease if inflation is moving up to a five per cent annual rate," he said.

Moreover, GNP was weak in the wrong places, Boltz said.

U.S. policymakers would like domestic demand to slow to make room for the export growth needed to reduce the nation's trade deficit, but in the third quarter growth in net exports fell and business investment slowed, while consumption rose.

Higher rates are gradually sapping consumption — consumer

spending was flat in September — but the process is slow.

As Bank of Japan Governor Satoshi Sumita noted last week: "We need some time to see whether the U.S. economy will slow down to a reasonable pace that would help lower inflation and cut the trade deficit."

With the improvement in the trade deficit petering out, financial markets are speculating that the dollar will have to fall further to make imported goods too expensive. Because of the dollar's rise earlier in the year, import prices fell in the third quarter for the first time in 2½ years.

Even if the U.S. authorities decide they can live with a lower dollar, the Fed would not want to encourage a decline by cutting interest rates, economists said.

"That would be a very strange signal to the foreign exchange market," Boltz said.

An unchecked fall in the dollar could spell turmoil on the financial markets.



Visiting Cypriot Industry and Trade Minister P. Yamatovas and Jordanian officials Monday review bilateral economic relations (Petra photo)

Officials review Jordan-Cyprus ties

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordanian-Cypriot trade relations were discussed at a meeting here Monday by Cypriot Industry and Trade Minister P. Yamatovas and the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce (FJCC) Secretary-General Amin Al Husseini and his senior aides.

The two sides reviewed bilateral cooperation in trade and prospects for signing a protocol to encourage economic cooperation especially in the tourism field.

The prospect of a visit by a Jordanian economic delegation to

Cyprus in the first half of 1989 was also discussed in order to review means of enhancing bilateral cooperation in economic and trade fields.

The two sides also examined the potential of Jordan's participation in next year's Cyprus Fair.

The Cypriot minister arrived in Amman Monday morning on a

brief visit en route where he will take part in celebrations marking the 25th anniversary of the Baghdad International Fair due to start Tuesday.

Upon his arrival here, the minister was welcomed by senior officials from the Ministry of Industry and Trade as well as Cypriot's honorary consul in Jordan, Farid Al Saad.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Air Maroc to modernise fleet

CASABLANCA (R) — Morocco's national carrier Royal Air Maroc has announced plans for the purchase of 10 new Boeing jet aircraft at a cost of \$450 million in an ambitious modernisation drive. The board of directors said in a statement the company had also taken out an option on a further 10 B 737-400S and B 737-500S. The aim is to equip the airline — 93 per cent owned by the state — with a fleet able to meet an expected increase in traffic resulting from increases in tourism and plans to liberalise the European air market within a single European market from 1992. The new planes will enter into service from 1990, replacing the current 727-200 and 737-200 models. Air Maroc, which already has two Jumbo 747s in a total fleet of 22 aircraft, has a turnover of around three billion dirhams (\$350 million) and employs 4,800 staff in 30 countries.

Kuwait seeks more time to sell shares

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait asked Britain Monday to speed up its reply to a request for more time to sell its shares in British Petroleum (B.P.), the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported. Britain ordered the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO), the government's London-based overseas investment arm, last month to slash its stake in B.P. to 9.9 per cent from 21.6 per cent within a year. KUNA quoted official sources as saying Kuwait had asked Britain to extend the one-year deadline. British press reports have said Kuwait stands to lose about \$350 million (\$590 million) if it sells the shares within 12 months. A Department of Trade and Industry official has already said the deadline is flexible and market conditions will be taken into account.

Maxwell to buy Official Airlines Guides

NEW YORK (R) — British media tycoon Robert Maxwell Sunday announced his first major U.S. publishing deal, a \$750 million agreement to buy most of Dun and Bradstreet's Official Airlines Guides (OAG) division. The division will be acquired by a newly-formed Pergamon Group Company. Maxwell and Dun and Bradstreet said in a joint statement they expected the sale to be completed by year's end. The new company will be traded as Maxwell Official Airlines Guides and include OAG's electronic information on airline schedules and its magazines relating to the travel industry. These include Frequent Flier, Pocket Flying Guide and Travel Age. Dun and Bradstreet also said it granted Pergamon an option to buy Thomas Cook Travel USA, an American travel agency group with 60 regional offices in the United States. Dun and Bradstreet bought it from Midland Bank in 1985.

S. African rand slides to record lows

JOHANNESBURG (R) The rand has fallen to record lows against most major currencies and economists predict the South African currency, influenced by the world gold price, will remain under

pressure. With relatively weak gold prices depressing export earnings the rand dropped to an all-time low of 4.39 to the British pound Monday and plummeted against the Deutschmark and the yen. The rand sank even faster than the declining dollar, dropping to 2.47 to the U.S. currency — its lowest level in months.

UAE cabinet approves 1988 budget

ABU DHABI (R) — The cabinet of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) approved Monday a much-delayed 1988 budget showing a deficit which a minister said would continue into the future due to low oil revenues. Minister of state for cabinet affairs Said Al Gaith told reporters the deficit of 1.83 billion dirhams (\$500 million) was lower than 2.75 billion (\$745 million) in 1987. Spending was set at 14.26 billion dirhams (\$3.88 billion) and revenue at 12.42 billion (\$3.38 billion), with the figures subject to rounding. UAE finance officials have said they will try to raise non-oil revenues to compensate for the shortfall due to depressed world oil prices. Oil provides around 85 per cent of the UAE's total revenues.

Seoul charges 12 for insider trading

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Government prosecutors said Monday they had charged 12 stock exchange officials and securities traders with illegal insider trading that earned them huge profits. Five officials from the Korea Stock Exchange and one from the Dawoo and Shinyoung Securities Co. were arrested, and six other members of the securities firm were charged but not detained, the prosecutors said, speaking anonymously. The 12 were accused of having illegally exchanged classified stock information that earned them \$570,000 in profit from transactions involving \$12.7 million in blue-chip stocks, prosecutors said. They added they were checking other securities companies for possible insider trading violations.

Yugoslavian inflation hits record 236%

BELGRADE (AP) — Yugoslavia's consumer index in October rose by 19.1 per cent over September's mark, and annual inflation reached a record 236.3 per cent, the Federal Statistics Bureau announced Monday. The rapid rise of inflation in the second half of this year was due to massive price hikes after the government introduced an economic austerity programme at the end of May which also limited wages and devalued the national currency, the dinar, by 23.9 per cent.

Sears plans to sell world's tower

CHICAGO (AP) — Sears, Roebuck and Co. announced plans Monday to sell Sears Tower, its corporate headquarters and the world's tallest building, as part of an effort to streamline the company. Sears' plan also will include a stock buyback, cost-cutting programmes and the sale of its commercial real estate subsidiary, the nation's largest retailer said.

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2,000 companies compete for Iraqi reconstruction

BAGHDAD (R) — More than two thousand firms from 62 countries will compete this week for a share of the business as Iraq starts rebuilding after its war with Iran.

Mahdi Saleh told reporters 2,090 foreign firms and 191 Iraqi businesses would be represented at the 25th Baghdad International Fair starting Tuesday. Only five Arab states took part

in the first fair in February 1964. At its peak in 1981, 3,200 firms from 68 countries were represented.

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AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Monday's Central Bank official rates				
	Buy	Sell		
U.S. dollar	442.0	444.0	Japanese yen (for 100)	353.1 354.9
Pound Sterling	785.3	789.2	Deutsche mark	222.0 223.1
Deutschmark	223.3	221.6	Swedish crown	71.9 72.3
Swiss franc	297.2	298.7	Italian lira (for 100)	33.6 33.8
French franc	73.3	73.7	Belgian franc (for 10)	119.2 119.8

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for Oct. 31, 1988.

	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:	581587	JD 700562	626
Top three companies:			
Arab Bank Limited	710	JD 95611	52
Darco for Housing and Investment	116875	JD 72463	83
Intermediate Petrochemical Industries Co.	51180	JD 72216	25
Parallel market:	378846	JD 354173	—
Development bonds:	—	—	—

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

One Sterling	1.7800/10	U.S. dollar	
One U.S. dollar	1.2180/90	Canadian dollar	
	1.7673/78	Deutschmarks	
	1.9935/45	Dutch guilders	
	1.4885/92	Swiss francs	
	37.04/07	Belgian francs	
	6.0325/75	French francs	
	1315/1316	Italian lire	
	124.65/75	Japanese yen	
	6.1430/80	Swedish crowns	
	6.5960/6010	Norwegian crowns	
	6.8130/80	Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	412.30/412.60	U.S. dollars	

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — The market closed firmer after much of the uncertainty surrounding the placement of Bell Resources 70.4 million BHP shares was lifted. The All Ordinaries index rose 3.4 to 1,584.9.

TOKYO — Prices saw-sawed through the day to end mostly higher for a sixth straight session of gains. The Nikkei index rose 21.53 to 27,982.54.

HONG KONG — Prices ended higher after an active morning and quiet afternoon. The Hang Seng index rose 12.94 to 2,627.41.

SINGAPORE — Prices closed mixed after bargain hunting alternated with profit-taking in quiet trading. The Straits Times Industrial index rose 4.26 to 1,039.27.

BOMBAY — Prices remained subdued on speculative selling pressure after results of two leader companies fell below market expectations. Tata Steel dropped 10 rupees to 962.5.

FRANKFURT — Shares closed lower in moderate trading as a weaker dollar, sparse foreign demand and news of an impending Dresdner Bank rights issue weighed on the market. The DAX Index fell 14.19 to 1,300.79.

ZURICH — Shares ended a quiet session lower across the board. Turnover was small as the weak dollar depressed sentiment. The Swiss index fell 3.8 to 936.4.

PARIS — Market closed Monday and Tuesday for holidays.

LONDON — Shares fell in late afternoon trading after a lower opening on Wall Street. At 1530 GMT the FTSE 100 was down 11.8 at 1,846.6.

NEW YORK — Stocks were lower in early trading, weighed down by a weak dollar and declines in U.S. issues in London. Barely changed bond prices offered little encouragement. The Dow was down seven at 2,143.

Namibia freedom plan on hold

JOHANNESBURG (Agencies) — With regional peace talks on hold, a government spokesman said Monday he was not aware of any plans for South Africa to meet its Nov. 1 target date and begin granting independence to Namibia.

South Africa, which has ruled Namibia for 73 years, had said it wanted to begin withdrawing Nov. 1 and allow independence elections next June 1 in the territory.

However, South Africa's proposal was contingent on reaching an agreement for the departure of an estimated 50,000 Cuban troops supporting the government in Angola, Namibia's northern neighbour.

South Africa, Cuba, Angola and U.S. mediators have been holding periodic talks since May, but have been unable to settle on a timetable for the withdrawal of the Cuban forces.

Roland Darroll, a spokesman for the South African department of foreign affairs, initially indicated there were no South African plans to begin implementing Namibian independence Tuesday, he later clarified his stance, saying, "I am not aware of any plans to begin implementing in-

dependence."

Other government spokesmen could not immediately be reached for comment.

South African newspapers have reported recently that President P.W. Botha now seeks to begin the independence process Jan. 1, 1989, but Darroll declined to comment when asked if a new target date had been set.

He said the four nations involved in the talks were planning a fresh round of negotiations, but that none had been scheduled.

The last round of talks was held in September in Brazzaville, Congo. There were reports that all sides agreed in principle to the withdrawal of Cuban troops over a 24-30 month period, but none of the countries has commented publicly.

Meanwhile, rebels of the South-West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) have said they will continue their armed struggle unless an inde-

pendence plan is implemented. Eddy Amkongo, a SWAPO representative based in Europe, said last Friday in Geneva that his organisation remained "cautiously optimistic" that an independence plan could be implemented shortly.

"The alternative will be renewed war with very costly and debilitating consequences," Amkongo said.

SWAPO has been fighting since 1966, the year the United Nations ended South Africa's mandate to govern Namibia.

South Africa has said it intends to grant Namibia independence along the lines of United Nations Resolution 435, which was passed in 1978. The plan calls for a one-year independence process leading to nationwide elections.

A team of 23 U.N. experts was in Namibia several weeks ago to assess logistical needs for a 7,500-person monitoring force that would be expected to stay for at least a year.

A ceasefire between South Africa and the combined Cuban-Angolan forces has been in effect since Aug. 8 and there have been no reports of violations.

South Africa withdrew the last of its several thousand troops

from Angola Aug. 30. The South African forces were fighting alongside the UNITA rebels in the 13-year-old Angolan war.

Moroccan role

Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos is due in Morocco Tuesday to confer with King Hassan who has played a discreet role in moves to settle the Angolan civil war.

A Moroccan Foreign Ministry spokesman said Monday dos Santos would spend about 24 hours in the central Moroccan city of Fez on a "working visit" on his way home after key talks in Moscow and Prague. It will be dos Santos's first visit to Morocco.

The two countries established diplomatic relations last year. In the past Morocco backed Jonas Savimbi's UNITA rebels who are fighting the Angolan government. Angola has supported Polisario guerrillas fighting Morocco for control of the Western Sahara.

Savimbi conferred with the king last July and the United States mediator Chester Crocker met the monarch at the beginning of this month.

No details of their talks were revealed.



Rajiv Gandhi

NEW DELHI (R) — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi virtually launched his re-election campaign Monday at a rally of one million people to mark the fourth death anniversary of his mother Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

As he spoke, farmers staging a counter-demonstration gave up their week-long protest but vowed not to pay taxes, water and electricity bills or repay loans.

Many of the 100,000 farmers who had been squatting on lawns

Gandhi's speech rouses huge rally

near parliament to demand higher crop prices and loan forgiveness began to melt away as the protest was called off.

But their presence had already forced Gandhi's Congress (I) Party to shift its rally, originally due to be staged at the same place, across town to the historic Red Fort.

Gandhi's speech was a rallying cry to Congress workers who know he must call an election before December next year. He lavished praise on his government's record and ridiculed opposition efforts to forge a united electoral challenge.

Going out of his way to pay special attention to farmers, Gandhi said a second "Green revolution" was being ushered in with government efforts to promote a food processing industry.

"Our population is growing. A

small piece of land is now supporting three or four families so there is less for everybody. We have to find ways to generate employment."

Police said more than one million people were at the Congress-organised rally, one of the biggest ever seen in the capital. Many had come by special buses and trains from as far as Tamil Nadu in the south or Assam in the north-east.

Traffic was thrown into chaos as they marched, chanting slogans and waving flags, through streets decorated with giant portraits and larger-than-life cutouts of murdered Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Gandhi said when his mother was killed by Sikh bodyguards in 1984, it looked like the country was falling apart.

Warsaw to close Gdansk yard

WARSAW (R) — The Polish government announced Monday that it would close the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk, the cradle of the now banned Solidarity trade union.

The government said in a statement published by the official news agency PAP it had decided Saturday that the yard, which employs 11,000 workers and is the biggest in Poland, would be formally closed Dec. 1.

"The shipyard will formally stop existing Dec. 1, 1988, and from that date a gradual process of liquidation will start," it said.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa is employed as an electrician at the shipyard where the first independent trade union in the Communist bloc was born out of strikes in 1980.

Thatcher's visit

The announcement comes on the eve of a visit to Poland by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher who is due to meet Walesa in Gdansk Friday. She will become the first British prime minister to visit the country.

Thatcher had been expected to discuss the re-legalisation of Solidarity, which was suppressed under martial law in 1981, with Walesa.

Polish leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski, who is scheduled to meet Thatcher twice this week, has ruled out the union's immediate return to legality.

The government has said repeatedly that the Lenin shipyard has been making losses and warned that it could be closed.

Workers at the yard went on strike in May and August demanding more pay and the re-legalisation of Solidarity.

Walesa ended the strike after the government offered round-table talks on Poland's future and promised to consider the possibility of re-legalising his banned union.

The start of the talks has been delayed for more than two weeks because Solidarity and the government have been unable to agree terms on which to get together.

The talks are also expected to include representatives of the Polish opposition and the Roman Catholic Church. The government hopes to forge a national coalition to back reforms.

Bhutto launches election campaign

KARACHI (AP) — Benazir Bhutto, leader of the Pakistan Peoples Party, kicked off her legislative election campaign Sunday with only 17 days to go before the national assembly polls.

"We are going to win," Bhutto told a crowd of supporters in Lyari. "The days of injustice to the poor will end on Nov. 16," the day set for the polls.

The 35-year-old opposition leader is the daughter and political heir of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the last freely elected prime minister in Pakistan, who was toppled by late President General Mohammad Zia Ul-Haq in 1977.

The former prime minister died on Benazir in the hope that she might one day be the counterpart

to India's late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

After his death, Ms. Bhutto denounced Zia's military rule and spent five years in jail or under house arrest before she was allowed to go into self-imposed exile in Europe. She returned in 1986.

Bhutto started her party's campaign Sunday from city slums of Lyari, which is one of the two election districts from where she is contesting the polls. Her home town of Larkana is the other district from which she is a candidate. But, if elected, she will have to resign from one of the constituencies, according to Pakistani polling rules.

Bhutto also spoke briefly in

several other localities of this city of seven million people before beginning a planned 14-day swing through the southern Sindh province and the northern province of Punjab, travelling by train. Numerous speeches on railroad stations are scheduled during this campaign. It will conclude in Larkana Nov. 15.

Bhutto has promised to redistribute four million hectares of state land to landless peasants if she takes power. She also has said that Western-style capitalism is the key to Pakistan's development and that her party will work to attract foreign investment.

Pakistanis will elect 217 members for the national assembly Nov. 16.

Palme probe plunges into controversy

STOCKHOLM (AP) — The search for Prime Minister Olof Palme's killer plunged into a new controversy Sunday when a newspaper published a detailed account of the 1986 murder written by the former head of the Palme probe.

Prosecutors and police said information revealed in the newspaper Expressen from the first chapter of former Police Commissioner Hans Holmer's coming book "Olof Palme is Shot" would make the search even more difficult.

"In a murder investigation it is necessary to have secret material," said Ingvar Eriksson, spokesman for the current heads of the Palme investigation.

"It makes it easier to check witness accounts... here we have material never published before. We would have preferred it if he had never written that book."

The information published in Expressen Sunday is a scenario of what happened during the 30 hours before Palme was killed in downtown Stockholm Feb. 28, 1986.

Holmer backs it up with accounts from witnesses that the police has heard. Several witnesses are identified by name.



Olof Palme

Holmer describes a carefully planned murder involving a small group. He says Palme was shadowed by a muscular, blond man the day before the murder, Oct. 28. The night he is shot Palme is observed by a member of the group when he walks unguarded with his wife Lisbet Palme to a movie theatre in downtown Stockholm.

Holmer says the members of group had been waiting for the right moment for weeks, and now "the conditions were perfect. They had two hours to plan the murder."

Holmer says a gunman and accomplices with walkie talkies and escape cars are waiting outside when the prime minister leaves the movie. Moments later Palme is shot from behind. The killer runs into a dark side street, up a flight of stairs and is gone.

Bush, Dukakis wage war as election nears

WASHINGTON (R) — Michael Dukakis and George Bush waged psychological warfare as they headed for the final week of the presidential campaign, with the Democratic underdog challenging his rival to meet in another debate.

Dukakis, who trails by roughly 10 points in most national opinion polls, called on the Republican vice-president to debate a third time before the Nov. 8 election.

Bush has flatly ruled out another debate, saying most Americans have had their fill with the first two, but Dukakis strategists hope to force their rival into rethinking his stance.

"Let the American people decide which one of us can best unite the country," Dukakis told reporters, suggesting a 60-minute debate on the eve of the election.

Dukakis, in an interview to be broadcast Monday, acknowledged his liberal roots but insisted he was more fiscally conservative than his Republican rival.

Bush, who repeatedly calls Dukakis that "liberal governor from Massachusetts," claims his opponents is out of the mainstream of U.S. political thinking.

"I'm a liberal in the tradition of Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman and John Kennedy," Dukakis said, "while I am basically a lot more conservative than

George Bush."

"I've cut taxes five times in the past six years," Dukakis told a television interviewer. He said Bush, "has never participated in a balanced federal budget."

Commenting on Bush's vow to avoid any tax increases to cut the budget deficit, a supporter of the vice-president, Senate Republican leader Robert Dole, said the pledge might be tough to keep.

But Bush told reporters: "I'm just going to do my best." He added that Dole "knows what I've said and what I believe. First I've to win this election."

Dukakis has said he would seek a tax increase only as a last resort. The Massachusetts governor's acknowledgement of his liberal links, which first surfaced Sunday during a train tour of central California, stems from campaign information suggesting that elderly people — a powerful voting bloc — view liberal social policies favourably.

"I'm not going to let the Republican Party pervert that word and give it a meaning it doesn't have," Dukakis said of the term "liberal" which he was dodging in interviews only a few days ago.

Dukakis, buoyed by polls showing him cutting into his rival's lead in key battleground states, planned to campaign in California and Wisconsin Monday.

Serb protests herald turmoil

SERB sentiments against what is perceived as "Albanisation" of Kosovo have thrown the Yugoslav region into political turmoil. Tens of thousands of people turned out a series of demonstrations in various towns in the region in late October. These gatherings followed a demonstration by 40,000 Serbs and Montenegrins at Kosovo Polje (Photos: Simi Chan / Sygma)



WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Aid pours in for typhoon Ruby victims

MANILA (AP) — Foreign assistance for some 2.6 million Filipinos displaced by typhoon Ruby has reached more than \$800,000, officials said Monday. The government's department of social welfare said Ruby, the 18th strongest tropical storm to hit the country this year, destroyed 177,000 houses and left at least 181 people dead.

U.S. INF team arrives in East Germany

BERLIN (AP) — A team of eight U.S. inspectors arrived in East Germany Sunday to inspect missile sites covered under a super-power treaty scrapping intermediate range nuclear forces (INF). The state-run media reported. ADN news agency said the men arrived in Leipzig and would inspect former Soviet nuclear missile sites in the next few days.

Thai officers 'steal U.S. covert aid'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A covert Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) programme to aid non-communist rebels in Kampuchea is operating at reduced levels following discovery that military officers in Thailand had siphoned off some \$3.5 million, according to intelligence sources and a published report. The corruption scandal, which may also have involved some Thai businessmen, was reported in Sunday's Washington Post and confirmed in part by other sources. The programme, one of several U.S. initiatives to bolster anti-communist forces in conflicts around the world, has since been cleaned up but is operating at reduced levels. More rigorous accounting procedures are in place, the newspaper reported.

3 police injured in Seoul student attack

SEOUL (AP) — Sixteen radical students hurled homemade explosives and firebombs outside the home of former President Chun Doo-hwan at dawn Monday, police reported. Police officials said the students, also wielding metal pipes and wooden sticks, clashed with police after they were intercepted outside Chun's residence in western Seoul. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said three policemen were hospitalised with serious injuries. Police said 12 of the students, who were arrested on the spot, claimed membership in a self-styled "suicide squad." The squad was formed recently to demand the arrest and punishment of the former South Korean president and his wife for alleged corruption and other irregularities during his seven-year tenure.

Salvador chief of staff quits

SAN SALVADOR (AP) — General Adolfo Blandon, chief of the joint chiefs of staff, has announced that he would step down and be replaced by Colonel Rene Emilio Ponce, a combat-hardened brigade commander praised by U.S. military advisers. Blandon, 48, said Saturday he had been appointed El Salvador's military attaché in France, effective Nov. 1. Named the top-ranking armed forces commander in November 1983, he had been expected to step down before the year was out.

COLUMN 8

Stones join Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rolling Stones, the Temptations, Stevie Wonder, Dion and Otis Redding have been elected to the rock and roll Hall of Fame. This year, the Hall of Fame also will honour three early influences on rock 'n' roll: The blues singer Bessie Smith, the vocal quartet the Ink Spots and the gospel group the Soul Stirrers, of which the late Sam Cooke — an icon of soul music — was once a member. Phil Spector, who had a brief career as a performer but is more famous as a writer, producer and arranger, also is being inducted, in a non-performing category. The announcement of the latest inductees to the rock industry's honour roll was made this week by Atlantic Records' Ahmet Ertegan, who is chairman of the rock and roll Hall of Fame Foundation. Induction ceremonies are planned in New York for Jan. 18.

Radio broadcast sparks panic

BRAGA, Portugal (R) — Many residents of the Portuguese city of Braga, convinced of a Martian invasion, fled in panic during a weekend broadcast of Orson Welles's science-fiction radio play "War of the Worlds," police said. The broadcast to mark the 50th anniversary Sunday of the piece's premiere in the United States, which caused similar widespread panic, was adapted by Radio Braga so that the invading Martians landed in nearby Vila Verde. "People were phoning the radio, the police and firemen to find out if it was true. Many just fled and took the road to Oporto," a police spokesman said.

Third-graders thank Gorbachev

LOVELAND, Colorado (AP) — The plight of whales trapped by Arctic ice got worldwide attention, and the rescue role played by two Soviet icebreakers got the special attention from an elementary school class of nine-year-olds. "I feel sorry for every living creature that has to go through this," said Lisa Delack, a third-grader at Centennial elementary school in Loveland. Lisa convinced her teacher and school principal that the Soviets deserved some thanks for their help in freeing two California gray whales off the north coast of Alaska. A third whale disappeared and was presumed dead. "I saw the whales and the Russians helping and I thought it was very nice of them to do it," Lisa said. So she and her classmates penned their appreciation on blue-lined school paper, some illustrated with drawings of whales. Their letters were sealed in an envelope and mailed to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow.

Lottery winners share \$60 million

LOS ANGELES (R) — Fifteen hospital workers, declaring themselves instant millionaires as winners of the largest lottery ever in North America, launched a non-stop party Sunday. Two more people, who have apparently each won \$20 million, are lying low. California state lottery officials announced Sunday there were three winning tickets for a \$60.8 million jackpot, which they called the biggest ever in North America. The three winning tickets holders — 15 hospital workers in the San Diego area — said they shared one winning ticket — will each receive \$800,000 annually for the next 20 years after taxes, lottery officials said.

Passengers pay for plane fuel

ROME (AP) — French vacationers returning from Egypt took money from their own pockets for gasoline after the pilot of their DC-9 made an unscheduled refuelling stop in southern Italy, the national daily La Repubblica reported. The crew of the North African airlines jet decided to forego a scheduled refuelling stop in Athens and land instead in Brindisi, despite the fact that the airline had no refuelling facilities or service account there, the report said. Crew members discovered upon landing that airport officials in Brindisi would not accept credit cards as payment for fuel. They then realised that they were a little short on cash. As the plane sat on the runway, the passengers gradually realised the situation and, reluctantly, began to gather money among themselves, La Repubblica said. The report did not say how much money was needed to pay for the refuelling.